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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING, I CALL THE MEETING TO
7 ORDER. I ASK EVERYONE- THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL LET ME WISH
8 EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR, THE ENTIRE BOARD WANTS TO WISH
9 EVERYONE IN OUR COUNTY FAMILY, OUR CONSTITUENTS, A HAPPY NEW
10 YEAR. THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR, WITH THAT, I
11 ASK EVERYONE TO RISE FOR THE INVOCATION, THE PLEDGE OF
12 ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY PASTOR JASON CUSICK
13 OF JOURNEY OF FAITH IN MANHATTAN BEACH. AND THE PLEDGE OF
14 ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY JULIO JIMENEZ, ADJUTANT OF THE
15 VALLEY POST NUMBER 582 IN SUN VALLEY THE AMERICAN LEGION.

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17 **PASTOR JASON CUSICK:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE
18 INVITED HERE. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME A FEW MOMENTS. AS I
19 WAS DRIVING IN, I WAS THINKING ABOUT WHO I REPRESENT,
20 REPRESENTING OUR CHURCH, THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH BAY, DISTRICT
21 DON KNABE'S DISTRICT AS WELL AS MY FAMILY. AND I THINK IN MANY
22 WAYS WE ALL REPRESENT OTHER PEOPLE. AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT A
23 GATHERING LIKE THIS IS ABOUT, IS DOING OUR BEST WITH THE GIFTS
24 AND STRENGTHS THAT WE HAVE TO REPRESENT OTHER PEOPLE AND TO BE
25 OF SERVICE TO THEM. ESPECIALLY THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS, WHICH REPRESENTS A VERY LARGE AREA JUST DOING A
2 SEARCH ENGINE, MY SEARCH ENGINE AUTOMATICALLY WHEN LOOKING UP
3 "SUPERVISORS" DECIDED TO CHANGE THE WORD SUPERVISOR TO "SUPER
4 GIANTS". AND THINKING ABOUT JUST THE TYPE OF REPRESENTATION OF
5 THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CERTAINLY IS A SUPER
6 GIANT JOB. SO WITH THAT, WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN A MOMENT OF
7 PRAYER ABOUT OUR REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE.
8 GRACIOUS GOD, THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE. THANK YOU FOR
9 THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE TODAY IN THIS SUPER GIANT TASK OF
10 REPRESENTING. WE ASK FOR HUMILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED NOT
11 ON OUR OWN INTERESTS AND NOT TO RELY ON OUR OWN DESIRES. WOULD
12 YOU GUIDE US THAT WE WOULD ACT AS THOSE GIVEN A GREAT
13 COMMISSION TO SERVE OTHERS. AND WE ASK FOR WISDOM, NOT TO
14 DECIDE FROM ONE POINT OF VIEW BUT TO REMEMBER THE PROVERB THAT
15 SAYS "THE FIRST TO PRESENT HIS CASE SEEMS RIGHT UNTIL ANOTHER
16 COME FORWARD AND QUESTIONS HIM." GUIDE US SO THAT WE'LL HEAR
17 ALL WE CAN IN MAKING THESE IMPORTANT DECISIONS. AND, GOD, WE
18 ASK FOR PATIENCE, NOT THE SILENCE THE CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS
19 OF THOSE WHO ARE AFRAID THAT THEIR VOICE WILL NOT BE HEARD,
20 BUT WOULD YOU ALLOW US TO LISTEN WITH LONG SUFFERING AT TIMES
21 BUT TO LISTEN FOR UNDERSTANDING AND CLARITY JUST AS YOU, GOD,
22 LISTEN TO US. AND, GOD, WE ASK FOR COURAGE, NOT ONLY TO MAKE
23 THE DECISIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE, ESPECIALLY THE ONES THAT
24 WILL COME AT GREAT PRICE, BUT ALSO THE COURAGE TO BE HELD
25 ACCOUNTABLE FOR THOSE DECISIONS. WE THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT



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1 OPPORTUNITY OF REPRESENTING OTHERS AND THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT
2 COMES WITH THAT. AND SO WE HUMBLY SUBMIT OURSELVES TO YOUR
3 GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION RELYING ON THE WISDOM OF OTHERS, THE
4 GATHERING OF OTHERS TOGETHER AND THE STRENGTHS AND GIFTS THAT
5 YOU HAVE GIVEN EACH ONE OF US BY YOUR GRACE. WE THANK YOU AND
6 WE LOOK TO YOU. AND WE ASK THESE THINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR
7 WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, AMEN. THANK YOU.

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9 **JULIO JIMENEZ:** FACE THE FLAG, RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND
10 JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
11 RECITED).

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13 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
16 IT'S MY PLEASURE TO REINTRODUCE PASTOR JASON CUSICK FROM THE
17 JOURNEY OF FAITH CHURCH IN MANHATTAN BEACH. PASTOR CUSICK
18 JOINED THE JOURNEY OF FAITH STAFF IN 2004. HE HAS A MASTER'S
19 DEGREE IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND IN LEADERSHIP AND A DOCTOR OF
20 MINISTRY FROM TALBOT'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. COMING FROM HIS
21 MINISTRY IN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY, HE SERVED THE MINISTRY OF
22 FAITH AS PASTOR OF CARE MINISTRIES BEFORE TAKING OVER THE
23 ADULT MINISTRIES PROGRAM. HE'S OVERSEEING JOURNEY'S PREMARITAL
24 MENTORING PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE JOURNEY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE.
25 HE HAS BEEN MARRIED TO HIS COLLEGE SWEETHEART, MARIE, FOR OVER



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1 15 YEARS, AND THEY HAVE THREE BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN. SO ON BEHALF
2 OF MYSELF AND ALL OF US UP HERE, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
3 TAKING TIME, PASTOR CUSICK, OUT OF YOUR VERY BUSY SCHEDULE TO
4 LEAD US IN A VERY WONDERFUL INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WERE LED
7 IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING BY JULIO JIMENEZ WHO
8 RESIDES IN RESEDA IN THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. HE'S
9 REPRESENTING THE AMERICAN LEGION VALLEY POST 582 IN SUN VALLEY
10 WHERE HE IS THE ADJUTANT. JULIO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
11 ARMY FROM 1965 THROUGH 1968 AS A SPECIALIST FOURTH CLASS,
12 SERVED IN THE STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND IN OKINAWA. HE
13 IS SELF-EMPLOYED IN MAINTENANCE. MARRIED 26 YEARS TO HIS WIFE
14 LAURA. HE HAS TWO CHILDREN. HE'S LIVED IN OUR DISTRICT FOR 22
15 YEARS AND IS A GRADUATE OF BALBOA HIGH SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO
16 AND HEALD BUSINESS COLLEGE IN HAYWARD. SO, JULIO, THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS
18 MORNING AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE.] ALL
19 RIGHT, MADAME SECRETARY, IF YOU COULD TAKE US THROUGH THE
20 AGENDA. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON
23 PAGE FOUR, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
24 COMMISSION. ON ITEM NUMBER 1-D, AS INDICATED ON THE
25 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY



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1 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED
2 BACK TO THE COMMISSION. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST
3 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 2-D,
4 THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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6 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE FIVE, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
10 HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H THROUGH 4-H, ON ITEM NUMBER 2-H,
11 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
12 ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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14 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY MOLINA SECONDED BY
15 ANTONOVICH UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE SEVEN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS
18 NUMBER 1 THROUGH 15, ON ITEM NUMBER 1, AS INDICATED ON THE
19 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT
20 THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROLYN WIDENER TO THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT
21 BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S
22 REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER
23 2, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
24 NUMBER 8, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
25 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 12, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM



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1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 13,
2 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND
3 THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE
4 YOU.

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6 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
7 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 16
10 THROUGH 51. ON ITEM NUMBER 16, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS
11 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 17, THIS
12 INCLUDES THE REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA
13 AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
14 PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 19, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
15 VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. AND ALSO THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ALSO ON ITEM NUMBER
17 20, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. AND THERE'S
18 ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM
19 NUMBER 28, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
20 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 29, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
21 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 30, THE
22 DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
23 REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM THERE'S
24 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT.

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1 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THIRTY.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THIRTY. ON ITEM NUMBER 37, SUPERVISOR
4 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 38,
5 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF
6 PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE
7 DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM NUMBER 46, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT
8 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 17TH, 2012. AND
9 ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
10 PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 48, SUPERVISOR MOLINA
11 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 17,
12 2012. AND THE REMAINING--

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14 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN I GO BACK TO 46? WAS THERE
15 SOMEBODY HOLDING THAT FROM THE PUBLIC?

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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19 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR
22 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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24 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY KNABE WITHOUT OBJECTION
25 UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 27 ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION
3 ITEMS NUMBER 52 AND 53. I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLES IN FOR THE
4 RECORD. ON ITEM NUMBER 52 THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
5 INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 3 ADVISORY
6 COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES TO EXTEND THE SUNSET REVIEW DATE OF
7 THE HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE DELIVERY COMMISSION TO JULY 1,
8 2015. AND ON THIS ITEM THERE'S ALSO REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF
9 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM NUMBER 53, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE
10 FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 6 SALARIES,
11 TO ADD, DELETE, AND/OR CHANGE CERTAIN CLASSIFICATIONS AND
12 NUMBERS OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. ON
13 THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES NO. AND ALSO THERE'S A
14 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON PAGE 29,
15 MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE
16 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NUMBER 54-A, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
18 THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
19 HELD. ON PAGE 30, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR
20 FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD, ON ITEM A-4, THE
21 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS
22 BEFORE YOU.

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24 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY
25 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
3 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
4 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 4.

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6 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE A PRESENTATION TO A CONSUL
7 GENERAL AND THEN I THINK, RIDLEY-THOMAS, I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU
8 OUT OF ORDER BECAUSE YOU HAVE A TIME ISSUE. I'M VERY PLEASED
9 THIS MORNING TO INTRODUCE THE HONORABLE DR. SAMSON HECTOR
10 WEERASINGHE, THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL FROM SRI LANKA TO OUR
11 COMMUNITY. THE CONSUL GENERAL COMES FROM A DISTINGUISHED
12 MEDICAL BACKGROUND BOTH IN HIS OWN COUNTRY AND
13 INTERNATIONALLY. HE IS A SURGEON AND A SPECIALIST IN EMERGENCY
14 AND TRAUMA CARE. HE'S ATTENDED THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY AND THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA. HE'S ALSO
16 BEEN A PRESENTER ON HOSPITAL AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT IN
17 CONFERENCES HELD IN NUMEROUS SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES AS WELL
18 AS THE UNITED STATES, UNITED KINGDOM AND THE CARIBBEAN. HE
19 ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES FROM HIS POST AS DIRECTOR OF THE
20 NATIONAL HOSPITAL OF SRI LANKA WFER HE REPORTED DIRECTLY TO
21 THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR SRI LANKA. HE'S
22 ALSO RECEIVED NATIONAL AWARDS AS MOST OUT STANDING CITIZEN IN
23 THE NATIONAL HEALTH EXCELLENCE GOLD AWARD AS BEST MEDICAL
24 ADMINISTRATOR. HE'S HERE TODAY WITH MEMBERS OF HIS CONSULAR
25 STAFF. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE MORE THAN



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1 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I WANT TO EXTEND A
2 WARM WELCOME TO YOU, CONSUL GENERAL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
3 ENHANCING THE CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF OUR
4 COUNTY AND THE PEOPLE OF SRI LANKA. YOUR NATION HAS A RICH AND
5 PROUD HISTORY AND A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH US IN LOS ANGELES.
6 AND WITH YOUR MEDICAL BACKGROUND, ESPECIALLY IN TRAUMA CARE
7 AND EMERGENCY CARE, IF YOU WANT ANY SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYMENT,
8 WE'D BE WILLING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT. WE'RE LOOKING FOR
9 SOME PEOPLE. BUT CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS APPOINTMENT. WE'RE
10 HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE, A MAN OF YOUR DISTINCTION. AND WE
11 WELCOME YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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13 **DR. HECTOR WEERASINGHE:** MR. CHAIRMAN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHIEF PROTOCOL,
16 DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS IS A GREAT
17 PLEASURE AND A PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO BE HERE WITH YOU THIS
18 MORNING AND TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION
19 TO THE CHAIRMAN AND THE OTHER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
20 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ITS PROTOCOL OFFICE FOR ORGANIZING
21 THIS EVENT AND FOR THE WARM WELCOME EXTENDED TO ME AT THIS
22 HISTORICAL VENUE IN LOS ANGELES. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT IT
23 HAS BEEN TRADITION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO INTRODUCE
24 AND RECOGNIZE NEWLY APPOINTED CONSULS GENERAL TO THE WEST
25 COAST U.S.A. WHO ARE BASED IN THE GREAT CITY OF LOS ANGELES,



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1 WHICH IS COMMERCIAL AS WELL AS THE GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENT
2 CAPITAL. IT'S A GREAT HONOR TO BE THE SEVENTH SRI LANKAN
3 CONSUL GENERAL TO THE WESTERN STATES USA. AND I WISH TO EXTEND
4 MY FULLEST COOPERATION AND SUPPORT TOWARDS DEVELOPING AND
5 STRENGTHENING AND ENHANCING THE ALREADY EXISTING RELATIONSHIP
6 BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND SRI LANKA. I HAVE
7 OBSERVED THAT THE SRI LANKA CONSULAR GENERAL HAS BEEN
8 MAINTAINING A VERY CLOSE AND CORDIAL WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH
9 OFFICE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND AS A RESULT OF THIS
10 THE PRESIDENT OF OUR COUNTRY DURING HIS HISTORICAL VISIT TO
11 CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN WELCOMED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OF ITS
12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT THIS VERY SAME VENUE. AS INTRODUCED BY
13 MR. PRESIDENT, I COME FROM A MEDICAL BACKGROUND. BUT THE NEW
14 PROFESSION IS NEW TO ME. BUT I AM SURE WITH THE HELP MY
15 COLLEAGUES AND OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, I WILL BE ABLE
16 TO PERFORM MY DUTIES IN A WAY THAT WE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO EACH
17 OTHER. OUR COUNTRY IS A VERY SMALL COUNTRY. IT'S AN ISLAND
18 AREA OF 25,000 SQUARE MILES. AND IT'S KNOWN AS "THE PEARL OF
19 THE INDIAN OCEAN". OUR COUNTRY'S SMALL COMPARED TO THE UNITED
20 STATES. BUT WE HAVE A LOT TO OFFER TO THE WORLD. WE HAVE FINE
21 BEACHES. WE HAVE MOUNTAINS WHERE WE GROW OUR TEA, THE FAMOUS
22 IS CEYLON TEA. AND WE HAVE WONDERFUL GEMS, EVEN PRINCESS DIANA
23 HAD ON HER RING ONE OF OUR BLUE SAPPHIRES. SO A LOT TO OFFER
24 FOR THE WORLD. MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IN A FEW
25 WEEKS FROM NOW, WE'LL BE CELEBRATING OUR 64TH INDEPENDENCE



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1 THIS YEAR. WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR INDEPENDENCE WITH ABSOLUTE
2 FREEDOM. I SAY SO BECAUSE WE WERE FIGHTING A WAR ON TERROR FOR
3 30 YEARS. AND WE WERE ABLE TO ELIMINATE OR ERADICATE TERRORISM
4 FROM OUR COUNTRY IN THE YEAR 2009. AND IT'S A VERY PEACEFUL
5 COUNTRY. AND WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO NOTE THAT IT WAS MADE
6 POSSIBLE, WHICH WAS A DREAM SOME TIME BACK. THAT DREAM BECAME
7 A REALITY DUE TO THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF OUR PRESIDENT HIS
8 EXCELLENCIY, MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA. I DO NOT WISH TO SPEAK AT
9 LENGTH. I HAVE BEEN GIVEN ONLY THREE MINUTES. SO THEREFORE I
10 HAD TO CUT SHORT MY SPEECH. AND JUST TO SAY THANK YOU ONCE
11 AGAIN TO MR. PRESIDENT AND THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS FOR THIS
12 WONDERFUL EVENT, FOR WELCOMING ME TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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15 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND
18 COLLEAGUES. WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US OUR SPECIAL GUESTS
19 FROM ACROSS THE NATION. THEY COME FROM HAWAII. THEY COME FROM
20 MICHIGAN. THEY COME FROM MINNESOTA. THEY COME FROM NEW MEXICO.
21 THEY COME FROM NEW YORK. THEY COME FROM WASHINGTON. AND THEY
22 COME FROM WISCONSIN. THEY ARE THE KELLOGG COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
23 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PARTICIPANTS. THEY ARE HERE TO CELEBRATE
24 WITH US THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS. EACH
25 YEAR, WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING THIS TO THE ATTENTION



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1 OF ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS; NAMELY, THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY
2 EMPOWERMENT AS WE MOVE TOWARD THE CELEBRATION OF DR. MARTIN
3 LUTHER KING'S ANNUAL NATIONAL OBSERVANCE. THE IMPORTANT
4 MESSAGE TO BE MADE TODAY IS THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION
5 FOR US BECAUSE WE HAVE THESE SPECIAL GUESTS WITH US. THEY ARE
6 HERE IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. THEY ARE LEADERS WHO REPRESENT A
7 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK. THEY HONOR US WITH THEIR PRESENCE
8 BY COMING TO PARTICIPATE IN WHAT IS SPONSORED BY THE KELLOGG
9 FOUNDATION TO LEARN ABOUT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, TO GIVE INPUT
10 AS TO THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIC INVOLVEMENT FROM THEIR
11 RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL AND HIGH HONOR
12 FOR US, AND I'M DELIGHTED THAT WE HAVE THE HAWAII TEAM HERE,
13 THE DETROIT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PARTNERS, THE CLEAR VISION FROM
14 EAU CLAIRE, GO VP FROM BROOKLYN PARK, MINNESOTA DONA ANA
15 COUNTY COALITION FROM NEW MEXICO, AND PARTICIPATING-- THAT IS
16 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK AND SEATTLE
17 RACE AND JUSTICE SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM. AND SO WE ARE PLEASED
18 THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ARE HERE. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE
19 THEM TO YOU FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR PRESENTATION FROM THE STATE
20 HOUSE IN HAWAII, A REPRESENTATIVE ROY TAKUMA? ROY? [APPLAUSE.]
21 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF METROPOLITAN ORGANIZING STRATEGY
22 ENABLING STRENGTH, THAT IS MOSES FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN,
23 PONCELLA HARDAWAY. MISS HARDAWAY? [APPLAUSE.] COUNCIL MEMBER
24 FROM THE CITY OF BROOKLYN PARK, MINNESOTA, MR. MIKE TREPENAY?
25 MIKE? [APPLAUSE.] AGAIN FROM THAT CITY DONA ANA COUNTY, THE



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1 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IS SYLVIA SIERRA?
2 SYLVIA? [APPLAUSE.] AND FROM THE CITY OF EAU CLAIRE,
3 WISCONSIN, COUNCIL MEMBER ANDREW WORKMAN. ANDREW? [APPLAUSE.]
4 AND THEN, FINALLY, FROM THE CITY OF SEATTLE, COUNCIL MEMBER
5 MIKE O'BRIAN. AND WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS
6 PRESENTATION TO ALL OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HERE. AND
7 WE'RE GOING TO ASK COUNCIL MEMBER O'BRIEN IF HE WOULD SPEAK ON
8 BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE GROUP. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY. WELL I THINK I
9 BETTER GET-- THERE'S A GROUP FROM A CITY THAT WILL BE THOUGHT
10 TO BE DELIBERATE IN THE OVERSIGHT HERE. [LAUGHTER.] THIS IS
11 COUNCIL MEMBER BRAD LANDLER, DISTRICT 39 FROM THE GREAT CITY
12 OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK. GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
13 [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **MIKE O'BRIAN:** I THINK I'LL LET BRAD HAVE A WORD. [LAUGHTER.]
16 BRAD LANDLER: YOU KNOW, WE DON'T FORGET THAT EVEN THOUGH THE
17 BIG APPLE IS THE BIGGEST CITY, L.A.'S GOT THE BIGGEST COUNTY.
18 SO WE'LL KEEP IN MIND WE'RE NUMBER TWO WHEN WE'RE HERE. THANK
19 YOU TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THIS IS REALLY A BIG, BIG
20 HONOR TO BE HERE, TO BE PARTICIPATING AND THINKING TOGETHER
21 ABOUT HOW WE CAN ENGAGE CITIZENS MORE DEEPLY, RESIDENTS OF OUR
22 COMMUNITY MORE DEEPLY IN GOVERNMENT, REPAIR THE BREACH THAT
23 THERE HAS BECOME AND HAS GROWN, THAT BREACH OF TRUST IN
24 GOVERNMENT THAT IS SO NECESSARY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES TO THRIVE,
25 FOR OUR INSTITUTIONS TO THRIVE. SO WE'RE SO HONORED TO BE



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1 HERE. IT'S NOT THAT OFTEN THAT NEW YORK CITY GETS OVERLOOKED.

2 SO I THINK WE'LL LET IT SLIDE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.]

3

4 **MIKE O'BRIAN:** THANK YOU. FROM THE CITY OF SEATTLE, WE'RE

5 REALLY HONORED TO BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS. THESE TIMES

6 ESPECIALLY IT'S CRITICAL THAT ALL OF OUR CITIES UNDERSTAND HOW

7 WE HEAR FROM EVERY SINGLE CITIZEN. AND THE WORK THAT YOU'VE

8 LED HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS BEEN AN INSPIRATION FOR

9 FOLKS LIKE ME AND FOLKS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. AND SPENDING THIS

10 WEEK IN LOS ANGELES TO LEARN FROM WHAT'S BEEN DONE, LEARN FROM

11 OTHER CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY AND SHARE THE IDEAS ABOUT THE

12 RACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE IN SEATTLE IS AN

13 OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO HOPEFULLY BUILD BETTER COMMUNITIES

14 ACROSS THIS COUNTRY AND REALLY THANK YOU FOR HOSTING US.

15 [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WE'RE GOING TO

18 ASK ALL THE GUESTS FROM THE KELLOGG INSTITUTE PROJECT JUST TO

19 STAND SO THAT WE CAN WELCOME YOU. GIVE THEM A WARM ROUND OF

20 APPLAUSE. THEY'RE HERE AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY UNTIL

21 THE END OF THE WEEK. AND THEN THEY'LL BE AT U.S.C. SO THANK

22 YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND COLLEAGUES, FOR THIS KIND

23 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS CELEBRATING 20

24 YEARS OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. THANK YOU.

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1 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. AT
4 THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL UP MR. FRANK ROBINSON, WHO IS
5 FOUNDER OF ROBINSON HELICOPTER COMPANY IN TORRANCE. WE'RE HERE
6 TO RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE WHAT THIS GENTLEMAN HAS DONE OVER A
7 PERIOD OF TIME TO CELEBRATE THE NATION'S LEADING MAKER OF
8 COMMERCIAL HELICOPTERS, FOR REACHING A MAJOR MILESTONE OF
9 DELIVERING THEIR 10,000TH HELICOPTER OFF THEIR PRODUCTION LINE
10 HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. MR. ROBINSON BEGAN HIS CAREER AT
11 THE CESSNA AIRCRAFT COMPANY WORKING ON THE CHI-1 SKYHOOK
12 HELICOPTER AND EVENTUALLY JOINED HUGHES HELICOPTER IN 1969. HE
13 WAS UNABLE TO INTEREST HUGHES, THEIR MISTAKE, ON HIS CONCEPT
14 FOR A SMALL, LOW-COST HELICOPTER. HE RESIGNED FROM HUGHES AND
15 FOUNDED ROBINSON HELICOPTER IN HIS PALOS VERDES HOME IN 1973.
16 THE FIRST R22 PROTOTYPE WAS BUILT IN A HANGAR AT THE TORRANCE
17 AIRPORT AND THE FIRST R22 WAS DELIVERED IN LATE 1979, SOON
18 BECOMING THE WORLD'S TOP-SELLING CIVIL HELICOPTER. IN THE MID
19 80S, MR. ROBINSON BEGAN TO DEVELOP THE FOUR SEAT R44
20 HELICOPTER, EVENTUALLY EXPANDING THE PRODUCT LINE TO INCLUDE
21 THE NEWS COPTERS AND THE SPECIALLY EQUIPPED POLICE
22 HELICOPTERS. BY THE END OF 2010, MORE THAN 5,000 R-44
23 HELICOPTERS WERE DELIVERED WORLDWIDE FOR BREAKING NEWS, RIGHT?
24 ON NOVEMBER 10, 2011, ROBINSON HELICOPTER DELIVERED THEIR
25 10,000TH HELICOPTER. SO IT'S MY HONOR TO RECOGNIZE MR.



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1 ROBINSON AND HIS COMPANY. YOU KNOW, I SAY WE HAVE A DIFFICULT
2 TIME MAINTAINING MANUFACTURING HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
3 FOR THIS GENTLEMAN TO DO WHAT HE HAS DONE OVER THE YEARS, TO
4 SIT ALIVE AND WELL HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE PEOPLE
5 HE'S PUT TO WORK, THE JOBS HE'S CREATED, WE ARE FOREVER
6 THANKFUL. SO CONGRATULATIONS ON 10,000 HELICOPTERS AND MAY
7 THERE BE 10,000 MORE. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **FRANK ROBINSON:** WELL, IN MAKING THE DECISION TO START MY
10 COMPANY HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THE REST OF THE AVIATION
11 INDUSTRY HAS PRETTY WELL MOVED OUT. WE'RE ABOUT THE LAST ONE
12 THAT ACTUALLY MANUFACTURES A COMPLETE AIRCRAFT IN SOUTHERN
13 CALIFORNIA. ALSO, THE REASONS WHY WE WERE ABLE TO LOCATE IN
14 THIS AREA, OBVIOUSLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT IS THE FACT
15 THAT THE WEATHER IS VERY GOOD HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND
16 WE CAN FLY OUR HELICOPTERS EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK. BUT IT ALSO
17 HAS A VERY GOOD COMMUNICATION BASE. IN OTHER WORDS, WE CAN
18 SHIP HELICOPTERS ALL OVER THE WORLD EITHER BY AIR THROUGH LAX
19 OR BY THE PORT BY SHIP. AND THAT HAS BEEN A BIG ADVANTAGE
20 BECAUSE WE ACTUALLY EXPORT ABOUT 70 PERCENT OF OUR HELICOPTERS
21 ARE EXPORTED OUT OF THE UNITED STATES. WHICH HAS BEEN GOOD FOR
22 OUR FAVORABLE BALANCE OF TRADE, OF COURSE. SO OTHER THAN THAT,
23 WE ALSO HAVE AN ADVANTAGE IN HAVING A VERY GOOD WORKFORCE
24 LOCATED HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND AS A MATTER OF FACT,
25 ROUGHLY TWO-THIRDS OF OUR EMPLOYEES ACTUALLY ARE MINORITIES.



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1 AND THAT WE'RE VERY PROUD OF, AS WELL. I WON'T TAKE ANYMORE
2 TIME, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING OUR
3 SUCCESS. AND WE REALLY, REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.
4 [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU AGAIN, FRANK. AND ALSO TO RECOGNIZE WITH
7 HIM IS MONICA, HIS ASSISTANT. BUT ALSO A PROFESSIONAL
8 HELICOPTER PILOT, AS WELL, TOO. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MONICA.
9 I'M GOING TO ASK OUR NEW CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER JERRY POWERS
10 TO JOIN US HERE TODAY ALONG WITH SOME KEY STAFF MEMBERS AS
11 WELL AS DEANNE TILTON OF ICAN TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH HERE IN
12 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS
13 MONTH. SADLY, THIS COUNTY IS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE MAJOR
14 HUBS FOR SEX TRAFFICKING IN THE STATE AND THE NATION PRIMARILY
15 OF GIRLS AS YOUNG AS 11 OR 12 YEARS OLD. I THINK IT SICKENS
16 ALL OF US THAT MINORS IN THIS COUNTRY, SOME AS YOUNG AS 12 AS
17 I MENTIONED, ARE FORCIBLY COERCED AND MANIPULATED INTO SELLING
18 THEIR BODIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOMEONE ELSE. UNTOLD NUMBERS
19 OF THESE CHILDREN FALL VICTIM TO PREDATORY ADULTS WHO SEXUALLY
20 EXPLOIT THEM FOR COMMERCIAL GAIN. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY OFTEN
21 ABUSE THEM, THESE MINORS, IN VERY UNSPEAKABLE, BRUTAL WAYS.
22 FORTUNATELY, THANKS TO THE INITIATIVE AND LEADERSHIP OF TWO
23 VERY DETERMINED WOMEN IN OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WE ARE
24 AGGRESSIVELY LOOKING AT WAYS TO COMBAT THIS PROBLEM. I WOULD
25 LIKE TO PUBLICLY COMMEND MICHELLE GUIDEMAN AND HANIA CARDENEZ,



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1 WHO HAVE EACH GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND THEIR REGULAR DUTIES TO
2 SHINE A LIGHT ON THIS TRAVESTY AND ADVOCATE FOR REHABILITATION
3 AND HEALING THAT IS SPECIFIC TO THE NEEDS OF THESE DEEPLY
4 TRAUMATIZED GROUP. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE WANT TO
5 PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO CHIEF POWERS IN RECOGNITION OF THE
6 AWARENESS MONTH FOR NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING, BUT ALSO TO
7 THANK THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT AND THESE TWO YOUNG LADIES WITH
8 THE WORK OF ICAN AND THE MOTION BEFORE US HERE TODAY TO MOVE
9 FORWARD TO SEE WHAT WE CAN DO. BECAUSE IT'S NOT WHAT WE KNOW,
10 IT'S WHAT WE DON'T KNOW IN TRYING TO GET OUR ARMS AROUND A
11 VERY, VERY HORRIBLE SITUATION. SO, JERRY?

12

13 **JERRY POWERS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. FOR THOSE KIND
14 WORDS. THIS REALLY WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE TWO
15 INDIVIDUALS STANDING BEHIND ME FROM THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.
16 THEY DID THIS, THEY BROUGHT A MILLION-DOLLAR GRANT TO LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY WORKING ABOVE AND BEYOND THEIR NORMAL DUTIES.
18 AND LET ME GIVE YOU JUST A COUPLE STATISTICS TO LET YOU KNOW
19 WHAT THIS ISSUE IS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. PART OF IT IS: IN
20 THE LAST TWO YEARS, WE'VE HAD ABOUT 175 YOUNG GIRLS IDENTIFIED
21 AS PART OF THIS HUMAN TRAFFICKING PROBLEM IN A COUNTY OF OVER
22 10 MILLION, I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE'RE JUST SCRATCHING THE
23 SURFACE. AND THESE PROGRAMS THAT THESE THE FUNDS THAT THESE
24 TWO YOUNG LADIES HAVE BROUGHT TO OUR COUNTY WILL HELP US TO
25 EDUCATE OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS, THE PROSECUTORS, OUR



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1 SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES, OUR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND
2 OUR PROBATION OFFICERS WHO IDENTIFY THESE VICTIMS. WE KNOW,
3 BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH ABOUT 2,500 TO 2,700 PROBATIONERS,
4 ADULT PROBATIONERS IN OUR SYSTEM WHO ARE ON FOR PROSTITUTION-
5 RELATED CRIMES THAT ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS
6 STARTED PROSTITUTING WHEN THEY WERE JUVENILES. THE AVERAGE AGE
7 OF A JUVENILE PROSTITUTE WHO BEGINS PROSTITUTING, AS
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE SAID, IS BETWEEN 12 AND 14 YEARS OLD. THIS IS
9 A DISGUSTING CRIME THAT, FRANKLY, WE HAVEN'T HAD A GOOD
10 OPPORTUNITY TO GET ON TOP OF IN THIS COUNTY OR, FRANKLY, ANY
11 COUNTY IN CALIFORNIA. AND I'M PROUD TO HAVE THESE TWO YOUNG
12 LADIES WHO RECOGNIZED IT AND ARE BRINGING SOME RESOURCES TO
13 LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO PROBATION AND TO THE SOCIAL SERVICE
14 AGENCIES THAT CAN HELP US COMBAT THIS CRIME. SO I WANT TO
15 THANK OUR TWO YOUNG LADIES, THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE PROBATION
16 DEPARTMENT AND SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR HELPING US SHINE A LIGHT
17 ON THIS. [APPLAUSE.]

18
19 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ECHO OUR CHIEF IN HIS COMMENTS
20 AND ALSO JUST THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALONG WITH OUR
21 DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUPPORT THEY'VE GIVEN US OVER THE PAST YEAR
22 WHERE WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO FIND INFORMATION, SEEK INFORMATION
23 AND BRING AWARENESS TO OUR DEPARTMENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A
24 POSITIVE YEAR THIS YEAR FOR PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THIS
25 POPULATION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS. WE HAVE SOME
5 DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY WITH US TODAY,
6 INCLUDING OUR PRESIDING JUDGE, LEE EDMUND, OUR ASSISTANT
7 PRESIDING JUDGE, DAVID WESLEY, OUR FORMER PRESIDING JUDGE,
8 DAVID STEVEN GUSLER. JUSTICE CHENEY AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER JOHN CLARK WHO HAS BEEN EXERCISING OVER THE
10 HOLIDAY SEASON AND IS NOW IN SHAPE FOR THE 2012 BUDGET. TODAY
11 WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE AN OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE
12 JUDICIARY, THAT'S MARY ANN MURPHY. JUDGE MURPHY IS A MEMBER OF
13 THE SUPERIOR COURT. SHE RECENTLY RECEIVED THE HIGHEST HONOR
14 FROM THE IRISH AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, THE DANIEL O'CONNELL
15 AWARD. THE IRISH-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION IS COMMITTED TO
16 INCREASING APPRECIATION AND AWARENESS OF IRISH HISTORY AND
17 CULTURE THROUGH PROFESSIONAL, SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL
18 ACTIVITIES IN THE BROADER LOS ANGELES COUNTY LEGAL COMMUNITY.
19 BEFORE JUDGE MURPHY, HER ACADEMIC CAREER INCLUDED A BACHELOR'S
20 DEGREE IN ECONOMICS FROM STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK IN STONY
21 BROOK AND HER LAW DEGREE WAS FROM CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF
22 LAW IN SAN DIEGO. SHE WORKED FOR THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
23 CIVIL DIVISION PRIOR TO BEING APPOINTED TO THE SUPERIOR COURT.
24 SHE WAS A U.S. CRIMINAL COURTS JUDGE FROM 1993 TO 1995. AND
25 SINCE '95, SHE HAS SERVED IN THE CIVIL COURTS OF THE COUNTY OF



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1 LOS ANGELES. JUDGE MURPHY, CONGRATULATIONS. WE WISH YOU MANY,
2 MANY YEARS OF GOOD JUDICIAL TEMPERAMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **JUDGE MARY ANN MURPHY:** SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF
5 THE BOARD, IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY AND THANK
6 YOU FOR THIS GREAT HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE FRANKLIN HALL WHO
9 SERVED ON THE SAN GABRIEL MOSQUITO VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT AS
10 PRESIDENT AND TRUSTEE SINCE 994. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A
11 BIOLOGIST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, SERVED AS
12 CHIEF OF THE VECTOR BORN DISEASE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
13 SERVICES MANAGER FOR BOTH FOOD INSPECTION BUREAU AND THE
14 HOUSING INSPECTION BUREAU WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
15 SERVICES. HE'S ALSO HEALTH INSTRUCTOR AT LOS ANGELES CITY
16 COLLEGE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER
17 OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION. A MEMBER
18 OF THE VECTOR ECOLOGY, THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC HEALTH
19 ASSOCIATION, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ASIAN AMERICAN
20 EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION. HIS DEGREE AND MASTER'S WAS IN BIOLOGY
21 FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT LOS ANGELES. SO, FRANKLIN,
22 CONGRATULATIONS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE
23 CORONER IS OUR NATION'S LARGEST CORONER'S OFFICE. SINCE MAY
24 2001, OUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ACCREDITED BY THE NATIONAL
25 ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, MEETING ELEVATED MEDICAL



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1 SCIENTIFIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STANDARDS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE
2 ACCREDITATION IS A VERY SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE AND CHALLENGE.
3 IN MAY, THE CORONER SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR
4 REACCREDITATION AND WAS EXPECTED AND AWARDED A FULL FIVE YEAR
5 ACCREDITATION ON AUGUST 24, 2011. ACHIEVING THIS DURING THESE
6 ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS NOT ONLY REQUIRED DEDICATION AND EFFORT BY
7 THE CORONER'S STAFF BUT ALSO STRONG LEADERSHIP AND DIRECTION,
8 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES PROVIDED FOR AND SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD
9 OF SUPERVISORS. SO HERE, TONY HERNANDEZ, IS GOING TO SUPPORT--
10 GOT THE CORONER HIMSELF. WE'RE ALL ALIVE OUT HERE, SO NO WORK
11 TODAY. CONGRATULATIONS.

12

13 **DR. LAKSHMANAN SATHYAVAGISWARAN:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 CORONER AND THE C.E.O. FOR THEIR SUPPORT, THE HARD WORK OF THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF CORONER STAFF IS WHAT MADE THIS POSSIBLE.
17 ACCREDITATION BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
18 INDICATES THE DEPARTMENT OF CORONER PUTS OUT A QUALITY WORK
19 PRODUCT WHICH IS COMPLETE, ACCURATE, TIMELY AND USABLE. AND
20 THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF ALL
21 THE CHIEFS, ESPECIALLY I WOULD LIKE TO THANK DR. ROGERS WHO
22 SPEARHEADED THE PROCESS ALONG WITH THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS
23 BUREAU, CHIEF GREG HARVEY, ADMINISTRATIVE DEPUTY SARAH
24 _____, CHIEF OF LABS, MR. MUTO AND CHIEF OF PUBLIC
25 SERVICES MRS. SYLVIA GONZALEZ AND THE ENTIRE STAFF. MR.



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1 HERNANDEZ IS THE DIRECTOR AND WE ALL WORK TOGETHER. THANK YOU
2 FOR ALL THE SUPPORT FROM THE C.E.O. AND THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS TO MAKE THIS POSSIBLE WITH THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT
4 WE NEED FOR THIS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THIS IS A THREE MONTH OLD DOXIE MIX NAMED
7 HEIDI. YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644. BUT THIS IS LITTLE HEIDI SHE
8 HAD A LITTLE CAR SICKNESS DRIVING DOWN HERE BUT SHE'S BEEN ALL
9 REPAIRED. HAD TO CHECK THE PLUMBING. IT'S A LITTLE GIRL. OKAY.
10 ANYWAY, LITTLE HEIDI IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO YOU COULD ADOPT
11 HER IF ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO OR THOSE AT HOME
12 WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT, THEY'RE VERY LOVING DOGS. AS I SAY I
13 HAVE THREE LITTLE DOXIES AT HOME.

14

15 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU HAVE NO
16 PRESENTATIONS. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHERS, MARK? OKAY. THEN I HAVE
17 ONE PRESENTATION. I'D LIKE TO ASK SHERVIN LALEZARY AND HIS
18 FAMILY TO JOIN US WITH THE SHERIFF AND CHIEF OSBY. I THINK
19 CHIEF OSBY IS HERE. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND
20 GENTLEMEN, I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT SHERWIN LALEZARY IS
21 PROBABLY A PERSON WHO NEEDS NO INTRODUCTION IN THIS TOWN RIGHT
22 NOW. BUT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE HONORED HIM AT THE FIRST
23 MEETING AFTER HIS SINGULAR GREAT LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENT. AS I
24 THINK EVERYONE HERE KNOWS, DURING THE NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY,
25 SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE NEW YEAR'S AND A DAY AFTER NEW YEAR'S,



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1 THIS COUNTY WAS VICTIMIZED BY A MAD TERRORIST, AN ARSONIST,
2 SLIP OF THE TONGUE, FREUDIAN SLIP. THIS COUNTY WAS VICTIMIZED
3 BY A MAD ARSONIST WHO COMMITTED UP TO 53 CRIMES, ARSON CRIMES,
4 SETTING CARS ON FIRE AND APARTMENT BUILDINGS, GARAGES.
5 BUILDINGS WERE SET ON FIRE. WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE THAT WE
6 DIDN'T HAVE ANY INJURIES OR DEATHS AS A RESULT OF THIS
7 RAMPAGE. AND FOR FOUR NIGHTS, OUR COMMUNITIES AND MOST OF
8 THOSE COMMUNITIES ARE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH I REPRESENT AND IN
9 WHICH I LIVE. THOSE COMMUNITIES HAD A HIGH LEVEL OF ANXIETY
10 AND FEAR. PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITIES WERE STAYING UP ALL NIGHT
11 TAKING TURNS, KEEPING AN EYE OUT ON THEIR SUBTERRANEAN
12 GARAGES. OTHERS WERE CRUISING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRYING
13 TO SEE IF THEY COULD FIND ANY SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING VEHICLE OR
14 CHARACTER. AND THE REST OF US JUST COULDN'T GET A GOOD NIGHT'S
15 SLEEP BECAUSE OF THE ANXIETY LEVELS. AND IT JUST EXPONENTIALLY
16 GOT WORSE AS THE FOUR DAYS WENT ON. AND THEN ON THE NIGHT OF
17 JANUARY 1ST, OR MORNING OF JANUARY 2ND, I THINK IT WAS, THANKS
18 TO SOME OUTSTANDING LAW ENFORCEMENT WORK BY A UNIFIED COMMAND
19 OF THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF, L.A. POLICE DEPARTMENT, ALCOHOL
20 TOBACCO AND FIREARMS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE L.A.
21 COUNTY AND CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT ALL WORKING TOGETHER AND THE
22 SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF THE CITIZENRY OF THE LOS ANGELES
23 AREA, WE WERE ABLE TO GET A DESCRIPTION, AN ACTUAL PHOTO OF
24 THE SUSPECT AND A DESCRIPTION OF THE CAR HE WAS USING. AND
25 THAT INFORMATION WAS TRANSMITTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL



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1 IN THE FIELD AT ABOUT 10 P.M. THAT NIGHT, GIVE OR TAKE A FEW
2 MINUTES. AND AT 3 IN THE MORNING, THIS GUY STANDING NEXT TO
3 ME, SHERVIN LALEZARY IN HIS FOURTH SHIFT AS A RESERVE DEPUTY
4 SALARY MAKING THE WHOPPING SALARY OF ONE DOLLAR A YEAR, WE
5 OFFER TO DOUBLE THAT SALARY RIGHT HERE AND NOW. [APPLAUSE.]
6 SHERVIN SAW THE CAR, RECOGNIZED THE CAR AS THE CAR THAT THE
7 TYPE OF CAR WE WERE LOOKING FOR, SAW THE SUSPECT IN THE CAR
8 AND HE FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTO THAT WAS DISSEMINATED
9 TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PULLED HIM OVER AT THE CORNER OF SUNSET
10 AND FAIRFAX AND THE REST IS HISTORY. SINCE THAT ARREST WAS
11 MADE, WE HAVE HAD NO ARSON FIRES IN THIS COUNTY. AND I THINK
12 THE GIANT BREATHING SOUND YOU HEARD IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AT
13 ABOUT 3:30 THAT MORNING WAS THE SIGH OF RELIEF THAT THE PEOPLE
14 OF THIS COUNTY FELT AS A RESULT OF SHERVIN'S GOOD POLICE WORK.
15 SO I WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, AND THE WHOLE BOARD
16 WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, SHERVIN, TO HONOR YOU, TO
17 GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION. IT READS "TO RESERVE DEPUTY LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN PROUD RECOGNITION FOR
19 YOUR QUIT WIT AND SKILLFUL APPREHENSION OF THE SUSPECTED
20 HOLLYWOOD ARSONIST, I MIGHT ADD SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ARSONIST,
21 OUR COMMUNITY IS PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COURAGEOUS AND
22 TIMELY INTERVENTION THAT HELPED SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY. IT'S
23 SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. OUR GRATITUDE TO YOU
24 REALLY CAN'T BE MEASURED. AND I THINK WE ALL WANT TO SAY THANK
25 YOU. I WANT TO ASK BEFORE I ASK YOU TO SAY A WORD, I WANT TO



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1 ASK THE SHERIFF, YOUR BOSS, TO SAY A WORD. AND I'D ALSO LIKE
2 CHIEF OSBY. WE'VE ALL GOTTEN A LITTLE BIT OF SLEEP SINCE
3 JANUARY 2ND. BUT THOSE TWO GUYS, AMONG OTHERS, WERE VERY MUCH
4 INVOLVED IN TRYING TO BRING THIS TO A CLOSE. AND I WANT TO ASK
5 THEM TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS. AS THE SHERIFF COMES UP, I JUST
6 WANT TO SAY THIS IS A GREAT ADVERTISEMENT FOR YOUR RESERVE
7 PROGRAM, SHERIFF. YOU HAVE A VERY ROBUST RESERVE PROGRAM ON
8 ALL LEVELS. AND THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOWCASE WHAT YOU'VE
9 BEEN ABLE TO DO WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR NO COST, REALLY NO
10 SIGNIFICANT COST. AND THE RETURN WE GET ARE THINGS LIKE THIS:
11 CRIMES THAT ARE SOLVED AND PEOPLE WHO CAN SLEEP WELL AT NIGHT.
12 SO SHERIFF BACA, IF YOU'D SAY A FEW WORDS.

13

14 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
15 BOARD. THIS IS A DELIGHT FOR ME TO BE UP HERE WITH GOOD NEWS.
16 THE IDEA OF A CITIZEN COP IS ONE THAT WE IN THE LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PLACE HIGH PREMIUM ON. THIS YOUNG
18 MAN WENT THROUGH OVER 800 HOURS OF TRAINING TO CERTIFY HIMSELF
19 AS A PEACE OFFICER WITH ALL THE DUE POWERS ATTENDING TO THAT
20 OFFICE. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, HE HAD BEEN ON PATROL FOUR NIGHTS
21 IN A ROW WHEN HE GOT THAT CERTIFICATION AND WENT RIGHT TO WORK
22 IN A ONE-MAN RADIO CAR IN THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD AND THAT
23 FATEFUL NIGHT WHERE THE SUSPECT HAD BEEN OUT STARTING MORE
24 FIRES, QUITE FRANKLY. HE MADE ONE HUGE MISTAKE. HE DROVE DOWN
25 THE STREET THAT SHERVIN HAPPENED TO BE ON. [APPLAUSE.] AND



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1 BECAUSE OF THAT, THE REST IS HISTORY. AND I THINK ALL MEMBERS
2 OF THE BOARD, PARTICULARLY THE CHAIRMAN, BECAUSE IT WAS IN HIS
3 DISTRICT. HE WAS OUT THERE, AS I WAS, DURING THE TIME THIS
4 INCIDENT WAS GOING ON. IT WAS A FOUR-DAY SAGA OF DESPAIR AND
5 IT'S OVER WITH, AND THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. CHIEF
6 OSBY?

7

8 **CHIEF OSBY:** ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
9 DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE HONORABLE CHAIR AND
10 HONORABLE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THE DEPUTY. WE SPENT FOUR DAYS
11 AND WE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAY
12 SEASON AND NEW YEARS BUT WE WERE OUT DOING ADDITIONAL WORK FOR
13 THE CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY. ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
14 ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIANT EFFORTS. WE'RE VERY
15 APPRECIATIVE. I KNOW I SPENT SEVERAL EVENINGS AND MORNINGS
16 TALKING TO THE SUPERVISOR. AND AGAINST MY ADVICE HE WAS OUT
17 PATROLLING, ALSO. SO I'M GLAD THAT HE WAS CAUGHT BY A
18 PROFESSIONAL. [LAUGHTER.] BUT ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE
19 DEPARTMENT, REALLY, AGAIN, OUR HATS OFF TO YOU FOR A JOB WELL
20 DONE. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME PRESENT THIS TO YOU,
23 SHERVIN. SHERVIN IS -- HOW OLD WERE YOU WHEN YOU CAME TO THIS
24 COUNTRY?

25



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1 **SHERVIN LALEZARY:** I WAS 2 YEARS OLD.

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3 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TWO YEARS OLD, CAME HERE AS AN
4 IMMIGRANT FROM IRAN FROM TEHRAN DURING AFTER OR AS A RESULT OF
5 THE REVOLUTION, I ASSUME, THE KHOMEINI REVOLUTION THERE. CAME
6 TO OUR COUNTY. MADE THIS HIS HOME. THIS IS A PLACE WHICH
7 WELCOMES PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD. AND IS NOW IN A
8 POSITION, HAS BEEN IN A POSITION AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN A
9 POSITION TO HELP PROTECT THE COUNTY THAT WELCOMED HIM AND HIS
10 FAMILY ALMOST 30 YEARS AGO. SO AGAIN CONGRATULATIONS. THANK
11 YOU, PROFUSE THANK YOU ON OUR BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF THE
12 PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SHERVIN LALEZARY:** ALL I WANT TO SAY IS I SHARE THIS WITH THE
15 MEN AND WOMEN OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
16 WEST HOLLYWOOD STATION AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM
17 WHO DO THIS EVERY DAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] I'M
18 FORTUNATE TO HAVE MY FAMILY HERE BEHIND ME. THEY'RE ALWAYS
19 BEHIND ME. FIRST MY MOM, WHOSE BIRTHDAY IS TODAY, JANUARY
20 TENTH, SUSAN. [APPLAUSE.] MY 16 MONTH-OLD NIECE, ALIANA. MY
21 PROUD FATHER, KUROSH. ON MY LEFT, MY SISTER-IN-LAW RHONA. AND
22 MY AUNT RIA. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE AGENDA, WE'RE GOING TO GO
25 TO THE AGENDA NOW. YOU NEED TO RECONSIDER ITEM 49. I WILL MOVE



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1 RECONSIDERATION OF ITEM 49 AT THE REQUEST OF COUNTY COUNSEL.
2 KNABE SECONDS WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WILL BE RECONSIDERED. THE
3 COUNTY COUNSEL WANTS TO CONTINUE IT FOR TWO WEEKS?

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

6

7 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, I'LL SECOND WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, IT'S CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO DON, IF I
13 COULD JUST TAKE ONE ITEM OUT OF ORDER, AND THAT'S ITEM NUMBER
14 13. I'D LIKE TO ASK STEVE ROUNTREE TO COME FORWARD ALONG WITH
15 PLACIDO DOMINGO AND MARC STERN FOR TO ADDRESS ITEM 13. GOOD
16 MORNING. STEVE, HOW DO YOU WANT TO HANDLE THIS? PLACIDO
17 DOMINGO. GOOD MORNING. PLEASE, GO AHEAD. NO, YOU CAN SIT DOWN,
18 PLACIDO. UNLESS YOU WANT TO SING THIS. [LAUGHTER.]

19

20 **PLACIDO DOMINGO:** YOU KNOW WE ARE USING THE OPERA, WE HAVE
21 REHEARSALS, YOU KNOW. SO THIS IS LIVE PERFORMANCE. WELL, I'M
22 REALLY SO HAPPY TO BE WITH YOU THIS MORNING AND TO PERSONALLY
23 EXPRESS MY UTMOST GRATITUDE TO THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS FOR SO, SO MANY YEARS OF SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE IN
25 L.A. OPERA, LOS ANGELES OPERA. YOUR CONTINUED BELIEF IN L.A.



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1 OPERA AND OUR MISSION HAS ALLOWED US TO DO EXCELLENT WORK ON
2 STAGE AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION AS WELL AS TO TRAVEL
3 THROUGHOUT EVERY PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHARING THIS
4 MAGNIFICENT MUSIC IN DOZENS OF LOCAL VENUES, SCHOOLS AND
5 COMMUNITIES.

6

7 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN I ASK, MR. PLACIDO, COULD I ASK
8 EVERYONE TO BE QUIET, PLEASE? ALL THE STAFFS AND THE PEOPLE IN
9 THE AUDIENCE? WE'RE CONDUCTING A MEETING. THANK YOU.

10

11 **PLACIDO DOMINGO:** YOUR SUPPORT WAS MOST RECENTLY FELT WHEN WE
12 THREW OPEN THE DOORS OF THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION, OUR
13 HOME AT THE MUSIC CENTER, AND WELCOMED MORE THAN 6,000 OLD AND
14 NEW FRIENDS AND FAMILIES FOR OUR FIRST-EVER OPEN HOUSE. IT WAS
15 A DAY TO REMEMBER FOR THE COMPANY AND I THINK FOR THE CITY,
16 ALSO, FOR THE COUNTY. IN DECEMBER OF 2009, THE COUNTY BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS GUARANTEED A 14 MILLION LOAN FROM BANK OF AMERICA
18 TO L.A. OPERA AT A MOST CRITICAL TIME IN OUR YOUNG STORY
19 HELPING TO STABILIZE THE COMPANY DURING THE FIRST PART OF THE
20 ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. I AM PLEASED TO TO INFORM YOU THAT L.A.
21 OPERA RECENTLY MADE A 7 MILLION REPAYMENT TO BANK OF AMERICA A
22 FULL YEAR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE TO BOTH SHOW OUR GOOD FAITH TO THE
23 COUNTY AND TO SAVE 350,000 DOLLARS IN INTEREST PAYMENTS. THE
24 MONEY THAT WE HAVE SAVED CAN NOW BE INVESTED IN OUR FUTURE AS
25 WE LOOK FORWARD TO RETURNING OUR SEASON TO WHERE WE WERE



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1 BEFORE THE RECESSION BEGAN. IT IS WITH THE DEEPEST
2 APPRECIATION THAT WE THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ONCE AGAIN
3 FOR YOUR LONG-STANDING SUPPORT, AND WE ALSO THANK BANK OF
4 AMERICA FOR WAIVING THE INTEREST AND ACCEPTING OUR EARLY
5 PAYMENT. I AM REALLY VERY DEEPLY TOUCHED BY WHAT YOU HAVE
6 CONFIDENCE IN OUR COMPANY, TRUSTING US. AND FOR US, IT'S
7 GREAT. AND WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH OF
8 COURSE MARC STERN, OUR CHAMPION CHAIRMAN, AND WITH STEVE
9 ROUNTREE, OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHICH OF COURSE WORKING SO
10 CLOSE WITH THE MUSIC CENTER AND BEING ACROSS THE STREET FROM
11 THE COUNTY HAS BEEN ABLE THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TO FOR ALL
12 THIS TO HAPPEN. BUT OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THEY HAVE COME
13 THROUGH. AND WE ARE VERY PROUD. SO THERE ARE THOSE KINDS OF
14 HEROS THAT THEY EXIST IN THIS CITY JUST LIKE SHERVIN LALEZARY
15 JUST BEFORE. SO ALL OUR PEOPLE WHICH THEY WERE ABLE WE WERE
16 ABLE TO RAISE THAT MONEY AHEAD OF TIME IN ORDER NOT ONLY TO
17 PAY OUR DEBTS BUT COME IN AHEAD AND DOING IT GLADLY BECAUSE
18 YOU TRUST US. AND THAT'S THE REASON THAT WE ARE HERE TODAY AND
19 THANK YOU VERY DEEPLY.

20

21 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MARC, DID YOU
22 WANT TO SAY ANYTHING?

23

24 **MARC STERN:** I JUST HAVE THE A FEW WORDS, I AS THE BOARD CHAIR
25 OF THE OPERA, WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT, THEIR TRUST AND THEIR
2 APPRECIATION, DESPITE ALL THE CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE, THE
3 L.A. OPERA IS THRIVING. AND IT'S BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT OF
4 YOU, OUR GREATER COMMUNITY, OUR BOARD, OUR DONORS AND OUR
5 AUDIENCES. I PARTICULARLY WANT TO THANK BILL FUJIOKA FOR
6 WORKING WITH US TO FACILITATE THIS EARLY PAYMENT AND BANK OF
7 AMERICA FOR ALLOWING IT TO HAPPEN AND FOREGOING INTEREST. THAT
8 WAS A REAL CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY. AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
9 BOARD, PLACIDO, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU
10 DO. PLACIDO HAS BEEN IN A LEADERSHIP ROLE OF THE L.A. OPERA
11 SINCE ITS FOUNDING MORE THAN 25 YEARS AGO. BUT HE FIRST
12 APPEARED HERE IN THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION IN 1967, 40
13 YEARS AGO. SO PLACIDO HAS BEEN COMING TO OUR FACILITY, TO OUR
14 COUNTY, TO OUR HOME FOR OVER 40 YEARS. AND FOR YOUR DEDICATION
15 AND FOR ALL YOU DO, PLACIDO, I WANT TO THANK YOU. AND I'D JUST
16 LIKE TO END ON ONE NOTE, WHICH IS: WHAT YOU DID FOR US, I
17 THINK, PAYS OFF IN MULTIPLES AND IN DIVIDENDS. WE EMPLOY, L.A.
18 OPERA EMPLOYS OVER 100 FULL-TIME PEOPLE WITH GOOD, WELL-PAYING
19 JOBS. DURING THE SEASON, WE EMPLOY ANOTHER SOMETIMES AS MANY
20 AS 300 PEOPLE: ARTISTS, STAGE HANDS, SEASONAL WORKERS. AND THE
21 MUSIC CENTER KEEPS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED FROM TAXI
22 DRIVERS TO SINGERS TO STAGE CREW, TO RESTAURANT WORKERS. WE
23 ATTRACT MANY, MANY PEOPLE FROM BOTH IN TOWN AND OUT OF TOWN TO
24 OUR AUDIENCES. AND THEY SPEND MONEY DOWNTOWN. AND TO GIVE YOU
25 AN EXAMPLE, OUR RING FESTIVAL, WHICH YOU HELPED US WITH,



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1 BROUGHT TOGETHER 122 ARTS ORGANIZATIONS IN LOS ANGELES. IT HAD
2 OVER 1,000 EVENT AND EXHIBIT DAYS. AND IT REACHED OVER HALF A
3 BILLION PEOPLE. THE MUSIC CENTER ITSELF GENERATES OVER A
4 QUARTER OF A BILLION DOLLARS IN ANNUAL REVENUES. AND LAST
5 YEAR, JUST LAST YEAR, THE MUSIC CENTER FAMILY COLLECTIVELY
6 RAISED OVER 100 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WE'RE
7 PROUD TO BE A VITAL MEMBER OF THIS EFFORT. AND, AGAIN, I CAN'T
8 THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE. AND WE ARE, FRANKLY,
9 OVERJOYED TO VALIDATE YOUR FAITH IN US BY THIS EARLY PAYMENT.
10 SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR WHAT YOU
11 DO FOR US, WHAT YOU DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY, WHAT YOU DO FOR THE
12 ARTS, AND WHAT YOU DO FOR THE COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. STEVE? BILL? DO YOU WANT
15 TO SAY A WORD?

16

17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** MY COMMENTS SHOULD BE VERY, VERY SHORT. BUT
18 THE PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE WITH THE MUSIC CENTER STARTING WITH
19 STEVE ROUNTREE AND THE OPERA IS TREMENDOUS. THE SUPPORT THIS
20 BOARD HAS GIVEN TO THE ARTS AND ALL OF OUR CULTURAL VENUES,
21 DURING THESE VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TIMES, SPEAKS TO WHAT WE
22 ABSOLUTELY BELIEVE IN, AND THAT THE ARTS AND CULTURE ARE PART
23 OF OUR-- IT'S PART OF EVERYTHING WE DO. AND IT TOUCHES EVERY
24 ASPECT OF THE COUNTY. BUT IT'S BEEN THE OPERA'S BEEN A GREAT



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1 PARTNER. AND THIS IS A GOOD DAY FOR ALL OF US. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH.

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4 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

7

8 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ONE SECOND. I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU
9 AFTER I SAY A COUPLE WORDS. I WANTED TO THANK, FIRST OF ALL, I
10 WANT TO THANK MARC STERN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF OPERA,
11 PLACIDO DOMINGO, AND STEVE ROUNTREE. THIS BOARD SUPPORTED THAT
12 EFFORT OF THAT LOAN GUARANTEE, FRANKLY, BECAUSE IT WAS THE
13 RIGHT THING TO DO BUT ALSO BECAUSE WE HAD CONFIDENCE IN YOU.
14 IF WE HAD NOT HAD CONFIDENCE IN YOU, WE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE
15 BEEN FOOLS TO GUARANTEE THAT LOAN. AND I THINK THAT'S A GREAT
16 THING FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THAT WE HAVE
17 THIS TEAM TOGETHER. PLACIDO, MARC STERN, STEVE ROUNTREE AND
18 THE REST OF THE OPERA STAFF WHO UNDER VERY DIFFICULT
19 CIRCUMSTANCES IN 2009, 2008, 2009, 2010 HAVE TRIED TO JUGGLE
20 ENOUGH BALLS TO KEEP THE OPERA GOING. KEEPING THE OPERA GOING
21 IS A VERY IMPORTANT THING FOR US BECAUSE YOU ARE ONE OF OUR
22 MAJOR TENANTS AT THE MUSIC CENTER. AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE
23 YOU. SO WE HAVE THIS INTERESTING RELATIONSHIP, A
24 LANDLORD/TENANT RELATIONSHIP, BUT ALSO A POLICY RELATIONSHIP,
25 WHICH IS THAT WE LOVE OPERA, WE LOVE THE ARTS, AND WE KNOW



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1 WHAT THE ARTS MEANS TO THIS COMMUNITY. EVERY MEMBER OF THIS
2 BOARD FEELS THAT WAY. AND WE'VE ALL BEEN TOUCHED BY THE OPERA
3 IN SO MANY WAYS. AND WE'RE GLAD THAT WE WERE ABLE TO HELP. AND
4 WE'RE GLAD THAT YOU MADE US LOOK GOOD. [LAUGHTER.] AND
5 PROBABLY MORE GLAD ABOUT THAT THAN THE OTHER. AND I WANT TO
6 THANK BILL FUJIOKA AND HIS STAFF, JAN TAKATA. IT WAS NOT EASY
7 TO GET THIS THING DONE TO BE ABLE TO ACCELERATE THE PAYMENT BY
8 A YEAR AND SAVE THIS MONEY. AND BILL AND HIS STAFF DID AN
9 OUTSTANDING YEOMAN'S JOB TO GET THAT DONE BEFORE THE END OF
10 THE YEAR, WHICH WAS THE DEADLINE. SO NOW LET ME RECOGNIZE MARK
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WE ACKNOWLEDGE
14 YOUR LEADERSHIP IN INITIATING THE EFFORT TO MAKE THE LOAN. THE
15 RECORD WILL REFLECT THAT IS THE REALITY. BUT THERE ARE THREE
16 GENTLEMEN SITTING AT THAT TABLE, ONE OF WHOM I'M TOLD IS
17 OBLIGED TO SING SOMETHING. [LAUGHTER.] IT'S UP TO HIM WHAT
18 HE'S GOING TO SING. BUT MR. CHAIRMAN, I DON'T THINK YOU WOULD
19 DARE TEASE US LIKE THIS WITHOUT SOMEBODY AT THAT TABLE. I'M
20 NOT GOING TO MENTION ANY NAMES. TO SING A LITTLE SOMETHING TO
21 BRING A LITTLE CIVILITY TO THE ENVIRONMENT. SOMEBODY AT THAT
22 TABLE SHOULD SING A LITTLE SOMETHING.

23

24 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH THIS IN A
25 SECOND. BUT ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO BE HEARD? SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JOIN IN THANKING THE THREE AMIGOS THERE FOR
3 THEIR GREAT LEADERSHIP. [LAUGHTER.] I THINK WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN
4 FORTUNATE IN HAVING PLACIDO HERE AND THE LEADERSHIP HE HAS
5 PROVIDED, THE TALENT AND ALL TO A GREAT OPERA I THINK HAS
6 QUITE ENHANCED THE WHOLE CULTURAL VENUES THAT WE HAVE IN LOS
7 ANGELES. MARC, I HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AS
8 WELL, IN ENSURING PAYMENT, AND DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO RAISE
9 MONEY. THIS IS A VERY TOUGH TIME. THERE WERE MANY SKEPTICS WHO
10 SAID WE SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE THIS LOAN AND WE WERE CRITICIZED A
11 BIT FROM TIME TO TIME. WE'RE SO GRATEFUL THAT NOT ONLY IS IT
12 REPAID BUT IT'S REPAID EARLY, AND A LOT OF IT HAS TO DO WITH
13 YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND OF COURSE TO STEVEN, AS WELL FOR HIS
14 EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT SKILLS AND MANAGING IT ALL TOGETHER. BUT
15 ANYWAY IT IS QUITE A TRIO THAT HAS ACCOMPLISHED ALL. AND WE'RE
16 VERY GRATEFUL AND WE THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU BRING TO LOS
17 ANGELES.

18

19 **MARC STERN:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **PLACIDO DOMINGO:** THANK YOU, DO A MOLINA.

22

23 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANYBODY ELSE? MIKE? DON? I'D LIKE
24 TO ASK. WE HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION WE WANT TO MAKE FOR
25 PLACIDO. IF THE THREE OF YOU COULD COME UP HERE FOR A SECOND



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1 NOW THAT WE'RE DONE WITH THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS. PLACIDO IS
2 GOING TO BE CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY IN 11 DAYS. BUT HE'S NOT
3 GOING TO BE HERE IN 11 DAYS, SO WE WANTED TO CELEBRATE IT
4 TODAY. WHY DON'T YOU GUYS COME ON UP HERE? GLORIA, COME UP
5 HERE. MIKE? WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS THING. I'M NOT GOING TO PUT
6 THE TENOR IN A POSITION BEFORE TWO IN THE AFTERNOON TO HAVE TO
7 SING. BUT WE WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, PLACIDO, TO WISH
8 YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY. YOU'RE CELEBRATING YOUR 25TH YEAR WITH
9 THE L.A. OPERA. FORTIETH YEAR SINCE YOU FIRST SANG IN THE
10 DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION.

11

12 **PLACIDO DOMINGO:** ACTUALLY 45.

13

14 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 45, BUT WHO'S COUNTING? I WAS IN
15 HIGH SCHOOL THEN. BUT YOU ARE VERY MUCH A PART OF THIS
16 COMMUNITY. AND WE SO VALUE YOU THAT THE SUPERVISORS WANTED TO
17 SERENADE YOU WITH A SONG.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU KNOW THOSE LAS MANITAS? (SINGING HAPPY
20 BIRTHDAY TO YOU).

21

22 **PLACIDO DOMINGO:** (SINGING) AND I'M THANKFUL TO L.A. COUNTY.
23 [APPLAUSE.]

24

25 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE INSPIRED HIM.



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2 **PLACIDO DOMINGO:** TO BE BETTER NEXT MONTH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
3 IT'S REALLY GREAT TO BE HERE. AND TO HAVE YOU AS NEIGHBORS. I
4 DON'T KNOW WHICH KIND OF NEIGHBORS.

5

6 **MARC STERN:** THE BEST KIND.

7

8 **PLACIDO DOMINGO:** VERY EMOTIONAL TO BE RECOGNIZED. YOU, YOUR
9 HELP, WE HAVE TO DELIVER. WE TRY TO [INAUDIBLE] WE ARE COMING
10 BACK WITH MORE AND MORE. [INAUDIBLE] ARTISTICALLY WE ARE
11 THERE. AND WITH GREAT WORK OF MARC, WHO IS AMAZING HOW
12 EVERYBODY HAS COME FORWARD TO TRY TO DO -- SO WE WILL SEE YOU
13 SOON FOR THE REST OF OUR DAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **PLACIDO DOMINGO:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LISA, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO
16 YOU. SAME DAY.

17

18 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S A GOOD WAY TO START
19 THE NEW YEAR. SUPERVISOR DON KNABE, YOU'RE UP.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. WHILE WE HAVE HAD A
22 COUPLE WEEKS OF BREAK HERE, OBVIOUSLY THE PASSINGS WERE NOT
23 IMMUNE. SO I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY, FIRST
24 OF ALL, OF OLLIE PEDERSEN, BELOVED MEMBER OF MY FORMER CHIEF
25 OF STAFF CURT PATTERSON WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96. HE



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1 MOVED HIS FAMILY TO LONG BEACH IN 1928, ATTENDED HIS SENIOR
2 YEAR AT LONG BEACH POLY. HE OWNED AND OPERATED A SUCCESSFUL
3 TIRE AND AUTO PARTS BUSINESS IN LONG BEACH FOR MANY, MANY
4 YEARS BEFORE RETIRING TO ASHLAND, OREGON. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
5 WIFE BEA, FOUR SONS, KEN, CURT, DON AND STEVE. THREE
6 STEPCHILDREN, DEBBIE, JAN AND DAVID AND MANY GRANDCHILDREN AND
7 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. A GREAT GUY. GREAT SPORTS FAN. OUR
8 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH CURT AND HIS FAMILY. ALSO WE
9 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ANONA NICHOLAS, BELOVED MOTHER OF DR.
10 ALISA NICHOLAS, MEDICAL AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
11 CHILDREN'S CLINIC IN LONG BEACH WHO PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY
12 6TH. SHE WAS A LOVING WIFE, GRANDMOTHER, GREAT GRANDMOTHER,
13 VERY PASSIONATE, OPEN HEARTED, INTELLECTUALLY CURIOUS. HAD A
14 PERSONALITY LARGER THAN LIFE, WHICH I'M SURE SHE SHARED WITH
15 HER DAUGHTER. SHE LEAVES BEHIND FOUR CHILDREN ALISA,
16 STAMATINA, MARIA AND GEORGE AS WELL AS 12 GRANDCHILDREN AND
17 ONE GREAT GRANDSON. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JACINTO
18 MARTINS, RESIDENT OF ARTESIA. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY
19 AND FRIENDS, FATHER OF THE MARTIN BROTHERS WHO ARE VERY GOOD
20 FRIENDS OF MINE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS FOUR CHILDREN, MARIA,
21 LIZ, TONY AND JOHN AND MANY, MANY GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE
22 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARCELLA CALDERON, WIFE OF FORMER
23 ASSEMBLYMEMBER TOM CALDERON WHO PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG
24 WITHOUT WITH CANCER AT THE AGE OF 52. SHE WAS THE FIRST LATINO
25 TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL



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1 DISTRICT. SHE WAS A COMMITTED COMMUNITY LEADER AND ADVOCATE
2 FOR EDUCATION AND KIDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND TOM,
3 TWO CHILDREN, CAMERON AND VICTORIA. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
4 OF MARIA SMUTS, THE MOTHER OF OUR ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
5 DR. GARY SMUTS WHO PASSED AWAY ON MONDAY. SHE WAS 84. WILL BE
6 MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
7 JIM MCJUNKIN WHO WAS A FORMER GENERAL MANAGING EXECUTIVE
8 DIRECTOR OF THE PORT OF LONG BEACH PASSED AWAY ON JANUARY 2ND.
9 HE, DURING HIS TIME AS GENERAL MANAGER OF THE PORT, BECAME THE
10 UNITED STATES' SECOND BUSINESS CONTAINER PORT. BUILT THE LONG
11 BEACH WORLD TRADE CENTER COMPLEX, BEGAN THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR
12 PROJECT. AND WITH THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES DEVELOPED THE
13 INTERMODAL CONTAINER TRANSFER FACILITY RAIL YARD. HE IS
14 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARY, FOUR CHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN
15 IN MEMORY OF A LONG TIME FRIEND ANN YOUNG, A FOUNDING MEMBER
16 AND LONG TIME MEMBER OF THE FRIEND OF ARTS EDUCATION AT
17 CERRITOS CENTER WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 25TH, ON CHRISTMAS
18 DAY, SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, HOWARD. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN
19 MEMORY OF JOHN NICHOLSON A PARTNER OF COX, CASTLE & NICHOLSON,
20 VERY GOOD FRIEND PASSED AWAY FROM CANCER AT THE AGE OF 59 ON
21 CHRISTMAS DAY. HE WAS HIGHLY REGARDED, KNOWN FOR HIS CREATIVE
22 AND OUTSIDE THE BOX APPROACH TO SOLVING PROBLEMS. HE IS
23 SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER MARY, JOHN, FIANCE ANEELA ZAMAN, SISTER
24 MARY LYNN AND FOUR BROTHERS, 25 NIECES AND NEPHEWS. ALSO THAT
25 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KALAWATI BHUTANI WHO PASSED AWAY ON



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1 JANUARY 7TH, WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS
2 SURVIVED BY HER FOUR CHILDREN, KASH, DILIP, RANI, AND BHARATI.
3 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY ANTON, A LONG TIME
4 FRIEND AND SUPPORTER OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT. SHE IS SURVIVED
5 BY HER FOUR CHILDREN: PHIL, AL, LORI AND RON. ALSO WE ADJOURN
6 IN MEMORY OF RETIRED FIRE CAPTAIN GARY MORGAN WHO PASSED AWAY
7 AFTER A LONG TIME FIGHT WITH CANCER, AS WELL, AT THE AGE OF
8 56. HE RETIRED FROM FIRE STATION 28 BATTALION 8 IN WHITTIER 31
9 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE WITH OUR DEPARTMENT. HE IS SURVIVED
10 BY HIS WIFE CRYSTAL, THEIR FIVE CHILDREN, MATTHEW, DEREK,
11 GABRIEL, RAYMOND AND ALEXANDRA AS WELL AS FOUR SIBLINGS. ALSO
12 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A LONG TIME MEMBER OF OUR CHURCH,
13 RAMONA TALSMAN, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. VERY ACTIVE
14 MEMBER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, ROBERTA, GRANT
15 AND GREG. AND MANY GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
16 HARRY LEE WILLIAMS, JR., A BELOVED HUSBAND OF MY FORMER STAFF
17 MEMBER DOROTHY WILLIAMS WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF
18 89. SURVIVED BY HIS BELOVED WIFE DOROTHY, SON JEROME, SISTER
19 THERESA, GRANDCHILDREN, WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY
20 AND FRIENDS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA
21 HOLODY, A WHITTIER RESIDENT WHO RETIRED FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF
22 HEALTH SERVICES AFTER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE, PASSED AWAY
23 RECENTLY. SHE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE WHITTIER AREA, THE
24 CULTURE ARTS FOUNDATION, THE WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN CRISIS
25 CENTER, YMCA AND MEALS ON WHEELS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER



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1 MOTHER DOROTHY, SISTER JANICE, NIECES AND NEPHEWS. ALSO THAT
2 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AARON LOHR, A FORMER DEPARTMENT OF
3 HEALTH SERVICES EMPLOYEE WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY ON DECEMBER
4 21ST. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KATHLEEN, FOUR SONS, ANTHONY,
5 MICHAEL, AARON, JR. AND DAVID AND GRANDDAUGHTER EVA. DEEPLY BE
6 MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND FINALLY TO ADJOURN IN
7 MEMORY OF BARBARA HIGDON, FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL
8 THAT I GRADUATED FROM GRAYSON UNIVERSITY WHO PASSED AWAY ON
9 DECEMBER 30TH AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER. SHE WAS AN
10 INCREDIBLE LEADER, NOT AFRAID TO MAKE DECISIONS. HER
11 LEADERSHIP INCREASED ENROLLMENT RAISED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR
12 OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, INVOLVED IN STUDENT EXCHANGE, OUTREACH
13 NURSING CENTER, AS WELL AS DEVELOPING THE CENTER FOR FREE
14 ENTERPRISE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
15 HUSBAND BILL, SON RICH, DAUGHTERS BETH AND RUTH, FIVE
16 GRANDSONS, TWO BROTHERS AND A SISTER. THOSE ARE MY
17 ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIR.

18
19 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** UNANIMOUS VOTE. ARE YOU HOLDING
20 ANYTHING? ALL RIGHT. LET'S DO THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS.
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS?

22
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
24 A GOOD FRIEND THAT I SERVED IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WITH THAT
25 WAS SENATOR RUBEN AYALA WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89. HE



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1 WAS A FORMER STATE SENATOR FOR 24 YEARS WHO DEVELOPED AND
2 CREATED THE CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS. HE WAS THE CHAIRMAN
3 OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE. AND HE
4 WAS FORMERLY CHINO'S FIRST ELECTED MAYOR. SERVED ON THE SAN
5 BERNARDINO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS. HE SERVED IN
6 THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS DURING WORLD WAR II AND IS
7 SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, RUBEN, JR., MAURICE AND GARY. HE WAS
8 A GREAT FRIEND AND A GREAT LEADER. ANTHONY BLANKELY, TONY
9 BLANKELY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 63. HE WAS A FORMER PRESS
10 SECRETARY FOR NEWT GINGRICH. WORKED BACK WHEN GOVERNOR REAGAN
11 WAS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND ALSO WAS EDITOR AT
12 ONE TIME OF "THE WASHINGTON TIMES." HE PASSED AWAY FROM
13 STOMACH CANCER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN.
14 JAMES ALLEN BOLZ, MEMBER OF THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE
15 OF FREE MASONRY IN PASADENA. MORTON BERGMAN. MORTON WAS A
16 HUSBAND OF MARILYN BERGMAN WHO WAS A SECRETARY ALONG WITH
17 SUMI, THAT I HAD WHEN I WAS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 COMMUNITY COLLEGES BOARD OF TRUSTEES. HE TAUGHT ACCOUNTING AT
19 CITY COLLEGE. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN
20 VETERANS. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARILYN. MILO CABRERA
21 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77. HE SERVED AS A SERGEANT IN THE
22 ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND WORKED FOR GENERAL DYNAMICS. PATRICIA
23 ANN COPENHAVER OF GLENDORA. ROXANNA CRISP WAS A RETIRED DEPUTY
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 62.
25 JERRY DIMITMAN PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. HE WAS A FORMER



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1 PROFESSOR OF PLANT PATHOLOGY AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT
2 POMONA, CAL POLY, ALSO VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.
3 SISTER JOSEPH ADELE EDWARDS PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 25TH. AND
4 SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARONDELET
5 THE ORDER THAT MY AUNT BELONGS TO. DENIS EKIMOTO A LIFETIME
6 RESIDENT OF LANCASTER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 72. JOHN
7 GARNER, SERGEANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 73. NORMA GUTIERREZ,
9 MOTHER OF HONORABLE DAVID GUTIERREZ, THE MAYOR OF SAN GABRIEL.
10 IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER AND BY DAVID. NORMA'S HUSBAND JUST
11 PASSED AWAY A FEW MONTHS AGO IN 2011. GEORGE ERNEST HARRISON,
12 MEMBER OF THE SCOTTISH RITE IN PASADENA. DONALD HESTER, UNITED
13 STATES NAVY VETERAN. WAS AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON. CAROLE ANN
14 HILLIKER OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. LYNN WHEELER KINIKIN WHOSE
15 TEACHING CAREER BEGAN AT LINDBERG JUNIOR HIGH IN LONG BEACH,
16 THEN WENT ON TO SPEND 31 YEARS AT THE ARCADIA UNIFIED SCHOOL
17 DISTRICT AND SHE WAS THE ONE WHO DEVELOPED THE ADVANCED
18 PLACEMENT ENGLISH PROGRAM AT ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL. SANDRA KNOX,
19 EDUCATOR FOR MORE THAN 22 YEARS FOR THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL
20 DISTRICT AND FOUNDING MEMBER OF WOMEN IN ACTION. IVAN MILLER,
21 DEPUTY SHERIFF, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 37. WILLIAM "BILL"
22 NANCE, DOCTOR, EDUCATOR, RECEIVED HIS DOCTORATE FROM THE
23 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. UNDER THOSE YEARS HE SERVED
24 AS ADMINISTRATOR IN GLENDORA, OWENS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICTS
25 AND WAS INVOLVED IN THE GLENDORA COMMUNITY AS ELECTOR AND ALSO



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1 A ELECTOR AT SAINT DOROTHY'S PARISH. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF
2 GLENDORA PONY-COLT LEAGUE AND MEMBER OF THE GLENDORA UNIFIED
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL COMMISSION. ANOTHER GOOD
4 FRIEND I WORKED WITH WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS WHEN HE LIVED IN THE PACOIMA AREA OF THE SAN
6 FERNANDO VALLEY AND LATER MOVED TO PALMDALE, ROBERTA NIEBLA,
7 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. HE LEAVES HIS WIFE AVA AND
8 THEIR CHILDREN. ROBERT O'ROURKE WAS DIRECTOR OF VICE PRESIDENT
9 PUBLIC RELATIONS AT THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY,
10 CAL TECH. MARY BRESSI PERSIC PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87.
11 PETE PEW LONGTIME SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT HART HIGH SCHOOL
12 IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. SAM QUINTANA, JR., RETIRED DEPUTY
13 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY AT AGE
14 84. CHUN KUEI SPRING RYAN, 47-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE
15 VALLEY. JAMES SHERWOOD PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 69 AND MEMBER
16 OF MUSICIANS WITH THE MOTHERS OF INVENTION. TAHNEE KATHLYNN
17 SMITH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 32 AFTER A STRONG FIGHT WITH
18 CYSTIC FIBROSIS. SHE WAS A STUDENT. JOHN WESLEY STONE 90 WAS A
19 VOLUNTEER WITH THE NAZARINE SINGERS PLAYING THE VIOLIN AT
20 CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS. RACHEL VARBLE, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF
21 ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND THOMAS ZIVANIC WORKED FOR SEVERAL MAJOR
22 AERONAUTICAL CORPORATIONS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THOSE ARE MY
23 ADJOURNMENTS.
24
25 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAD A READ-IN MOTION.

3

4 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL GET TO THAT IN A MINUTE.

5 LET'S JUST DO THE THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
6 DO YOU HAVE ANY? GLORIA? DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
9 MEMORY OF MONTEBELLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER
10 MARCELLA CALDERON. SHE IS THE BELOVED WIFE OF FORMER
11 ASSEMBLYMAN TOM CALDERON. MARCELLA WAS THE FIRST LATINA TO
12 SERVE ON THE MONTEBELLO SCHOOL BOARD AS SCHOOL BOARD
13 PRESIDENT. SHE WAS A DEVOTED PUBLIC SERVANT WHOSE MANY
14 ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDED IMPROVING TEST SCORES AND ATTENDANCE
15 RATES AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CREDENTIALLED TEACHERS FOR
16 THE MONTEBELLO SCHOOL DISTRICT. SO WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
17 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO HER FAMILY, HER FRIENDS AS WELL AS HER
18 PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES. IN ADDITION, I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN
19 THE MEMORY OF THE BELOVED MONTECITO COMMUNITY ACTIVIST MARILYN
20 SANCHEZ. MARILYN WAS A FEARLESS ADVOCATE AND TIRELESS CRUSADER
21 FOR THE NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES NEIGHBORHOOD. OVER THE YEARS HER
22 UPLIFTING SPIRIT TOUCHED COUNTLESS LIVES AS SHE NEVER FAILED
23 TO GO THE EXTRA MILE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. SO WE ALSO WANT TO
24 EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY, HER FRIENDS,



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1 HER NEIGHBORS AND THANK YOU TO HER LEADERSHIP. THOSE ARE MY
2 ADJOURNMENTS.

3

4 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
5 UNANIMOUS VOTE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANY ADJOURNING
6 MOTIONS?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND THAT WOULD BE TWO.
9 CIVIL RIGHTS LEGENDS, AS A MATTER OF FACT, RAYMOND L. JOHNSON,
10 BORN JULY 31, 1992 IN PROVIDENCE RHODE ISLAND AND PASSED ON
11 DECEMBER 31 AT THE AGE OF 89. HE ATTENDED HOWARD UNIVERSITY
12 WHERE HE JOINED THE R.O.T.C. AND WAS SOON DRAFTED INTO THE
13 U.S. ARMY. HE WAS AN ORIGINAL TUSKEGEE AIRMAN DURING WORLD WAR
14 II AND RECEIVED THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR FOR HIS
15 SERVICE. HE RECEIVED MEDICAL AND LAW DEGREES FROM HOWARD
16 UNIVERSITY AND SERVED AS A CIVIL RIGHTS ATTORNEY, A COLLEGE
17 PROFESSOR, AND A DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. HE
18 RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR HIS WORK WITH THE NAACP AND WAS
19 AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF HOLE MAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. HE'S
20 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE EVELYN, THREE CHILDREN: RAYMOND JOHNSON,
21 MARJORIE WARREN AND ROBERT JOHNSON, THREE GRAND DAUGHTERS AND
22 A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND THEN THERE'S GERALDINE
23 WASHINGTON, BORN ON JUNE THE 18TH, 1939 IN LITTLE ROCK,
24 ARKANSAS AND PASSED ON JANUARY THE FIFTH AT THE AGE OF 81. SHE
25 WAS A LOS ANGELES CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO SERVED AS



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1 PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES BRANCH OF THE N.A.A.C.P. FOR SOME
2 14 YEARS. DURING HER TENURE AS PRESIDENT, SHE WORKED TO
3 REVERSE THE DECLINING ENROLLMENT OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE
4 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA SYSTEM AND PUSHED FOR LOCAL JOB
5 TRAINING PROGRAMS. SHE FOUGHT TO BETTER JOBS FOR YOUTH AND
6 SENIORS AND NEW IMMIGRANTS AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE CALIFORNIA
7 STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL HELP
8 AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND
9 WILLIE, HER SON STANLEY, HER SISTER DOROTHY, HER BROTHER
10 RICHARD, TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY, MANY FRIENDS WHO WILL
11 MISS HER DEARLY. GERALDINE WASHINGTON, MR. CHAIRMAN.

12
13 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.
14 I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING MOTIONS. FIRST, LEON WEINSTEIN,
15 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT AND ONE OF THE LAST KNOWN
16 SURVIVORS OF THE 1943 WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING IN WORLD WAR II.
17 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 101. HE WAS A YOUNG MAN IN POLAND
18 UNDER NAZI OCCUPATION HE WAS FORCED TO ABANDON HIS BABY
19 DAUGHTER AND WIFE WHEN THE FAMILY WAS SEPARATED. JOINED THE
20 RESISTANCE, THE JEWISH RESISTANCE. HE BARELY MANAGED TO ESCAPE
21 THROUGH THE CITY'S RAT INFESTED SEWER SYSTEMS AS THE NAZIS
22 CLOSED IN TO DESTROY THE GHETTO. AFTER THE WAR, HE LEARNED
23 THAT HIS WIFE, PARENTS AND VIRTUALLY HIS ENTIRE FAMILY HAD
24 BEEN KILLED BUT HE DISCOVERED HIS DAUGHTER HAD BEEN RESCUED BY
25 A CATHOLIC CONVENT. HE MANAGED TO FIND AND REUNITE WITH HER



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1 AND EVENTUALLY RELOCATED HERE TO LOS ANGELES IN THE EARLY
2 1950S. HE WAS REMARRIED, HAD ANOTHER SON, FOUND SUCCESS AS A
3 HIGH END SWEATER MANUFACTURER IN HOLLYWOOD WHOSE WHO WAS
4 ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER
5 NATALIE GOLD LUMER. GRANDSON ROBERT AND GRANDDAUGHTER ANNETTE.
6 HIS WIVES SEMA AND SOPHIE AND SON MICHAEL PREDECEASED HIM. JIM
7 RIDING, TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY
8 OF LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE, ALS. BANKER BY PROFESSION HE WAS VICE
9 PRESIDENT OF INVESTMENTS FOR UBS FINANCIAL SERVICES. HE LOVED
10 CAMPING AND HIKING AND WAS VERY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY
11 VOLUNTEERING AS A COACH OF SOCCER AND BASEBALL AT THE WEST
12 VALLEY LEAGUE IN WEST HILLS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
13 DEBBIE, TWO CHILDREN, JACOB AND MEGAN. HIS FATHER BEN AND
14 STEPMOTHER CINDY AS WELL AS A BROTHER SCOTT. NEWTON BECKER,
15 LONG TIME RESIDENT OF BELLAIRE, LONG TIME FRIEND OF MINE,
16 LEADER IN BUSINESS AND IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY. HE PASSED AWAY
17 AT THE AGE OF 83. TRAINED AS A CPA, HE EARNED A FORTUNE
18 DEVELOPING A CPA TRAINING COURSE THAT BECAME AN INTERNATIONAL
19 SUCCESS TRANSLATED INTO MANY LANGUAGES AROUND THE GLOBE. HE,
20 AMONG THE MANY GROUPS HE SUPPORTED THROUGH HIS PHILANTHROPY,
21 WERE STAND WITH US, CAMERA, THE COMMITTEE FOR ACCURACY ON
22 MIDDLE EAST REPORTING, THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA,
23 MIDDLE EAST RESEARCH AS WELL AS OTHERS. IN ADDITION TO HIS
24 PHILANTHROPY AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISM HE WAS A MAJOR SUPPORTER
25 OF THE ALTERNATIVE ENERGY FIELD, THE FOUNDING INVESTOR AND



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1 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF LUZ INTERNATIONAL A SOLAR COMPANY
2 THAT WAS BASED HERE IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. CHERISHED BY THOSE
3 WHO KNEW AND LOVED HIM AS A REAL DECENT MAN OF GENUINE
4 CHARACTER. NEWT BECKER'S WORK WILL LIVE ON THROUGH THE VARIOUS
5 CHARITABLE FAMILY FOUNDATIONS HE HAS LEFT. HE IS SURVIVED BY
6 HIS WIFE ROCHELLE, A SON DAVID, SEVERAL GRANDCHILDREN AND
7 OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. PEARL COTLIAR, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY
8 AT THE AGE OF 77 IN ORANGE COUNTY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
9 HUSBAND OF 53 YEARS, GEORGE, A RETIRED EXECUTIVE EDITOR AND
10 SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES. A SON DAVID
11 AND DAUGHTER SHARON. SHE IS SURVIVED BY A SON, DAVID AND
12 DAUGHTER SHARON, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, ABIGAIL AND JOSHUA AND A
13 BROTHER RAYMOND GOTTLIEB. PATRICK MARTIN, A FOURTH GENERATION
14 BOARD MEMBER AND ARCHITECT WITH THE PIONEERING DOWNTOWN
15 ARCHITECTURAL FIRM A.C. MARTIN WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE
16 AGE OF 35 AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE WITH CANCER. HE DIED AT THE
17 HOME OF HIS PARENTS, THE FIRM'S C.E.O. AND COCHAIR CHRIS
18 MARTIN AND HIS WIFE JEANETTE. HE WAS REMEMBERED BY COLLEAGUES
19 FOR WHAT THEY SAY IN THEIR OWN WORDS "HIS UNFAILING
20 DETERMINATION AND AND GENEROUS SPIRIT AND FOR HIS DEDICATION
21 TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HIS WORK TO UPHOLDING THE GREAT LEGACY
22 OF THE FIRM ESTABLISHED BY HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER ALBERT C.
23 MARTIN SR. AND HIS GRANDFATHER, J. EDWARD MARTIN." HE'S
24 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DANIELLE AND TWO CHILDREN. PETER
25 ROTHENBERG RESIDENT OF WEST HILLS, COMMUNITY ORGANIZER WHO



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1 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 70. BORN IN NEW YORK HE
2 LATER RELOCATED TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WHERE HE SPENT MORE
3 THAN FOUR DECADES IN THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY. ACTIVE IN THE
4 COMMUNITY HE JOINED THE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION IN 1976 AND
5 SERVED AS PRESIDENT FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. HE WAS A FOUNDING
6 MEMBER OF THE WEST HILLS FIRE SAFE COUNCIL AND A DELEGATE TO
7 THE LAS VIRGENES HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
8 WIFE GERLADINE, A SON MARK, AND DAUGHTER SHARON HARRIS AS WELL
9 AS A GRANDDAUGHTER GEORGEY HARRIS AND A SISTER KAREN WANDER.
10 DOROTHY PORTUGAL, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF NORTH HOLLYWOOD WHO
11 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97. BORN IN MINNEAPOLIS,
12 SHE MOVED TO CALIFORNIA IN 1956 AND AFTER RAISING HER FAMILY,
13 SHE RESUMED HER STUDIES AT CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE GRADUATING IN
14 1980 WITH DEGREES IN HUMANITIES, ENGLISH AND POETRY. SHE IS
15 SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTERS, KAREN PORTUGAL YORK AND PATRICIA
16 PORTUGAL, THREE GRANDCHILDREN, TERRY GOODEN, CLAYTON YORK AND
17 ANTHONY YORK. FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND FOUR GREAT GREAT
18 GRANDCHILDREN. HER HUSBAND OF 55 YEARS, SAM, AND A DAUGHTER,
19 LYNN, PREDECEASED HER. JOSEPH U. GARCIA, A LONG TIME RESIDENT
20 OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF
21 80 AT HIS HOME IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HE WAS BORN IN THE SAME
22 HOUSE AND LIVED THERE FOR MOST OF HIS LIFE. BORN TO MEXICAN
23 IMMIGRANT FARM WORKER PARENTS, HE GREW UP WITH HIS TWO OLDER
24 BROTHERS WORKING IN THE ONION FIELDS NOT FAR FROM THE FAMILY
25 HOME. AFTER ATTENDING NORTH HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, HE ENLISTED



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1 AND SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. AND AFTER
2 COMPLETING HIS MILITARY SERVICE, HE FOLLOWED IN HIS BROTHER'S
3 FOOTSTEPS AND ENTERED THE CERAMIC TILE BUSINESS, FINDING
4 SUCCESS AND EARNING A REPUTATION IN THE FIELD THROUGHOUT THE
5 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, MENTORING MANY YOUNG MEN OVER THE YEARS
6 AND LEAVING CERAMIC TILE CRAFTSMEN TO CARRY ON HIS WORK. HE
7 WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A QUIET, GENTLE AND KIND HUMAN BEING
8 WITH A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER
9 SUMMER AND ADOPTED SON MARCOS, A NIECE LORI GARCIA WHEELER WHO
10 IS A MEMBER OF MY STAFF, SEVERAL GRANDCHILDREN AND OTHER
11 FAMILY MEMBERS. HEIDI HELEN DAVIS, AN ACTRESS, ACTING TEACHER
12 AND STAGE DIRECTOR LONG ASSOCIATED WITH THE WILL GEER
13 THEATRICUM BOTANICUM IN TOPANGA WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT
14 THE AGE OF 60 AFTER BATTLING BREAST CANCER. SINCE 1985 SHE
15 DIRECTED MORE THAN 20 PRODUCTIONS FOR THE THEATRICUM INCLUDING
16 TENNESSEE WILLIAMS' A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE, THE GLASS
17 MENAGERIE, AND SWEET BIRD OF YOUTH. ANTHONY CHEKOV'S THE
18 SEAGULL, I WON'T READ ALL OF THEM. IT'S A WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S
19 WHAT IN PLAYS THAT HAVE BEEN WRITTEN FOR THE STAGE. SHE WAS
20 BORN IN WICHITA, KANSAS, MOVED WITH HER FAMILY TO PALO ALTO AS
21 A CHILD. SHE TOOK TO THE THEATER EARLY AND WENT ON TO STUDY
22 ACTING IN THE AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER IN SAN FRANCISCO
23 AND BECAME A PERFORMER BEFORE EVENTUALLY TURNING TO DIRECTING.
24 SHE IS SURVIVED BY A SON BENJAMIN. HER PARENTS ROBERT AND NAN,
25 AND THREE SIBLINGS, WILLIAM DAVIS, CHRISTOPHER DAVIS AND



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1 ESTHER. AND FINALLY JULIE RUELAS, FORMER MAYOR AND COUNCIL
2 MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY
3 56 AFTER A LONG AND DIFFICULT BATTLE WITH A VERY RARE
4 AUTOIMMUNE DISORDER. ALTHOUGH SHE WAS PHYSICALLY DISABLED HER
5 MIND WAS UNAFFECTED TO HER LAST BREATH AND SHE WORKED FROM
6 HOME AS A GRANT WRITER FOR A CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT
7 MISSION COLLEGE AND FOR THE SAN FERNANDO MUSEUM OF ART AND
8 HISTORY WHICH SHE FOUNDED TOGETHER WITH HER MOTHER. SHE'S
9 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 34 YEARS, JOE, FOUR CHILDREN, AND
10 FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE HAVE A SPECIAL ITEM I THINK AT
12 11 O'CLOCK. SPECIAL ORDER. SO CAN WE TAKE THAT UP NOW?
13 SHERIFF? SO LET'S TAKE UP IS IT S-1? SHERIFF? SORRY TO HOLD
14 YOU UP THERE, BUT COME ON UP.

15

16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD. I'M PLEASED TO BE HERE.
17 YOU HAVE A LETTER THAT I SENT TO YOU AND MY COMMENTS ARE
18 RELATIVE TO THE 18 RECOMMENDATION THAT SPECIAL COUNSEL MERRICK
19 BOBB PRESENTED TO MYSELF AND TO THE BOARD ALONG WITH THE
20 OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW. WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED AS NOTED IN
21 OUR PRIOR MEETING 14 OF THESE 18 RECOMMENDATIONS AND FOUR ARE
22 STILL IN THE PENDING STATUS. THE FIRST OF THE PENDING INVOLVES
23 THE USE OF FLASHLIGHTS. I'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY, MY STAFF
24 PARTICULARLY, WITH A.L.A.D.S. THEY HAVE PUT TOGETHER A TEAM OF
25 DEPUTY SHERIFFS WHO ARE WORKING OUR VARIOUS OPERATIONS. AND WE



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1 HAVE MEETINGS AND A MEETING SCHEDULED TOMORROW TO ALLOW FOR
2 THE APPROPRIATE MEET AND CONFER PROCESS TO OCCUR. THE NEXT
3 ITEM IS THE DEPUTY WORN VIDEO CAMERAS. THIS RECOMMENDATIONS IS
4 UNDERWAY IN THE SENSE THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE APPROPRIATE
5 DEVICE, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE FIELD TESTING ON OUR PART TO SEE
6 HOW PRACTICAL IT MAY BE. YET WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL START THE
7 PILOT FOR THIS IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. THE NEXT ITEM, THE
8 THIRD ITEM THAT'S STILL PENDING IS THE CAREER TWO-TRACK PATH
9 FOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS. IN THIS REGARD, WE HAVE COMPLETED A TWO-
10 MONTH STUDY WHICH ANALYZED DIFFERENT METHODS OF IMPLEMENTING A
11 TWO-TRACK CUSTODY CAREER PATH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. THE
12 TASKFORCE, THE COMMANDER TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE
13 PRESENTED TO ME ON DECEMBER 21ST OF 2011. AND WE ARE CURRENTLY
14 MEETING WITH THE A.L.A.D.S. REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS THE
15 VARIOUS ISSUES INVOLVED WITH HOW THIS PLAN WOULD BE
16 IMPLEMENTED. THE FOURTH POINT ALSO INVOLVES A PORTION OF THE
17 TWO-TRACK PLAN, BUT IT'S MORE POINTED IN THE AREA OF REDUCING
18 LENGTH OF TIME THE DEPUTIES WILL SPEND IN THE JAILS. IN
19 OCTOBER OF 2011, THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED CUSTODY PERSONNEL
20 THAT ARE CURRENTLY THERE TO INITIATE EXTENSIONS TO STAY THERE
21 IF THEY DESIRED TO REMAIN IN THAT ASSIGNMENT IN THE JAILS. AND
22 TO DATE, 211 DEPUTIES HAVE CHOSEN TO DO SO, WHICH WILL ADD TO
23 THE SOLUTIONS OF KEEPING CAREER TRACK PEOPLE IN THE JAIL AND
24 OFFERING A QUICKER TIME FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO GO TO PATROL.
25 THE FOUR ITEMS I THINK ARE MOVING IN A POSITIVE MANNER, AND I



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1 BELIEVE THAT ALL OF THEM ARE ATTAINABLE. OF COURSE THE TWO-
2 TRACK IDEA WILL TAKE US MORE TIME. IN RESPECT TO SOMETHING
3 ELSE THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE IS
4 A REDUCTION IN THE USE OF FORCE. AS YOU KNOW, I WROTE A FORCE
5 POLICY THAT WAS A PREVENTION POLICY. AND IN THE LAST SIX
6 REPORTING YEARS OF FORCE, FIVE IN PARTICULAR, I SHOULD SAY,
7 FROM 2007 TO 2011, IN 2007, WE HAD 1,114 USES OF FORCE. IN
8 2011, WE HAD 584 THIS PAST YEAR. SO I THINK WE'RE ON THE RIGHT
9 TRACK WITH FINDING METHODS TO PREVENT FORCE. THE OTHER
10 PARTICULAR CONCERNS ARE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAMERAS IN
11 THE JAIL. TO DATE, WE HAVE CURRENTLY INSTALLED 300 CAMERAS IN
12 THE SYSTEM. AND WE'VE ORDERED ANOTHER 990, OF WHICH 520 ARE
13 GOING TO BE DELIVERED THIS MONTH. AND WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED
14 470 CAMERAS, SO WE'RE ON TRACK TO HAVE ALL THESE CAMERAS THIS
15 MONTH. AND WE'VE INSTALLED 24 ALREADY. AND SO I THINK THAT'S
16 GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT WILL BE HOPEFULLY IN THE NEXT
17 MONTH'S REPORT WILL BE 80 OR 90 PERCENT OR SO COMPLETE WITH
18 THAT RESPONSIBILITY. WE ALSO HAVE SERVERS FOR DATA STORAGE
19 THAT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED AND INSTALLED. ON DECEMBER 13TH THEY
20 WERE DELIVERED, AND THEY BECAME FULLY OPERATIONAL ON DECEMBER
21 15TH, TWO DAYS LATER. SO THESE SERVERS WILL ENABLE THE
22 DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN PERMANENT STORAGE OF ALL CURRENT
23 CAMERAS INSTALLED IN THE MAIN CENTRAL JAIL. WE'VE ALSO
24 SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD A FUNDING REQUEST FOR JAIL MENTAL
25 EVALUATION TEAMS. ONE OF THE ISSUES OF FORCE EMANATES WITHIN



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1 OUR MENTAL HEALTH TOWER. INMATES WHO WERE DEEMED NO LONGER IN
2 NEED OF INTENSE MENTAL HEALTH INCARCERATION WERE DECERTIFIED
3 FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH TOWER SERVICES AND REMANDED BACK TO THE
4 REGULAR JAIL ENVIRONMENT. THIS REMANDING BACK HAS CAUSED
5 NUMEROUS INCIDENCES OF INMATE RELUCTANCE TO GO BACK TO THE
6 GENERAL HOUSING, OF WHICH ULTIMATELY RESULTED IN FORCE. SO THE
7 JAIL TEAM IS DESIGNED TO HAVE A MORE SPECIALIZED FORM OF
8 INDIVIDUAL TREATMENT AND CARE FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
9 GOING TO BE MOVED FROM ONE PLACE TO THE OTHER. WE ALSO CAME UP
10 WITH THE IDEA THAT THEY SHOULD NOT RETURN TO THE OLD CENTRAL
11 JAIL BECAUSE THEREIN IS WHERE THEY DON'T WANT TO GO BACK. SO
12 IN THAT RESPECT, THAT'S BEFORE YOU. I KNOW SOME OF YOU MAY
13 HAVE A COMMENT OR TO ABOUT THAT. BUT WE ALSO HAVE ASKED THAT
14 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH BE FUNDED FOR SIX SOCIAL
15 WORKERS THAT BE PART OF THAT MENTAL HEALTH TEAM EFFORT. AND
16 THAT'S THE EXTENT OF MY UPDATE.

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18 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NONE OF THE OTHERS UP
19 THERE WANT TO BE HEARD. SUPERVISOR MOLINA? THEN SUPERVISOR
20 ANTONOVICH.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION RELATIVE TO THE CONCERN OF HAVING
23 DEPUTIES WHEN THEY GRADUATE FROM THE ACADEMY BEING ABLE TO GO
24 ON PATROL IN A SHORTER TIME FRAME THAN THE CURRENT THREE TO



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1 FOUR OR FIVE-YEAR POLICY THAT YOU CURRENTLY HAVE. WHAT IS THE
2 STATUS ON THAT?

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4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THE STATUS IS SIMPLE. THAT WE HAVE
5 CONTRACTS, OBVIOUSLY, WITH A.L.A.D.S. AND WE BELIEVE THAT
6 SENIORITY IS A VIABILITY OF HOW ONE BECOMES A MORE EXPERIENCED
7 DEPUTY SHERIFF. AND THOSE THAT ARE ALREADY IN THE JAIL WOULD
8 BE THE ONES THAT WOULD BE MOST DESERVING OF GOING OUT. THUS,
9 REDUCING TIME FOR EVERYBODY OVER WHAT WE BELIEVE IS A
10 POTENTIAL FIVE-YEAR TRACK. WE THINK THAT WITH HAVING A CAREER
11 TRACK FOR CUSTODY-ONLY FOR PEOPLE ENTERING THE ACADEMY, THAT
12 IT WILL BUILD UP THAT CORE, STABLE STAFF THAT IS THE GOAL OF
13 THIS PROGRAM. ONCE THOSE FOLKS ARE THERE THAT HAVE NO DESIRE
14 TO GO TO PATROL, IT ALLOWS US TO DOWNLOAD THOSE THAT WANT TO
15 GO TO PATROL. BUT YOU CAN'T DO THIS IN THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENT
16 WHERE WE HAVE CLOSE TO 1,700 DEPUTY SHERIFF POSITIONS IN THE
17 JAIL THAT ARE DESIROUS OF GOING TO PATROL.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT COULD YOU NOT INCREASE THE NUMBER OF
20 CUSTODIAL AGENTS, WHICH YOU ARE ABLE TO DO AND HAVEN'T,
21 CUSTODIAL OFFICERS ARE NOT AT THE LEVEL THAT YOU'VE BEEN
22 AUTHORIZED TO HIRE.

23

24 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, WE HAVE MAYBE--

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY WOULD TAKE THE PLACE OF THOSE
2 DEPUTIES.

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4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YOU TALK ABOUT CUSTODY ASSISTANCE.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CUSTODY ASSISTANCE, YES.

7

8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WE BELIEVE THE DEPUTY SHERIFFS ARE THE MORE
9 APPROPRIATE POSITION BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE TYPE OF
10 OFFENDER THAT IS IN THE COUNTY JAIL. AT THE SAME TIME, WE DO
11 HAVE OVER 1,000 CUSTODY ASSISTANT POSITIONS. AND AT THAT
12 POINT, WE WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK AND REAUTHORIZE AN INCREASE
13 IN THOSE POSITIONS. WE CURRENTLY HAVE A CONTRACT OR AN
14 AGREEMENT WITH THE A.L.A.D.S. THAT WE CANNOT HAVE MORE THAN 35
15 PERCENT OF OUR CUSTODY PERSONNEL IN THAT POSITION OF CUSTODY.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE NOT AT 35 PERCENT NOW.

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19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL WE'RE ABOUT 95 PERCENT OF THE 35
20 PERCENT.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF YOU INCREASE THAT TO THE 35 PERCENT,
23 THEN YOU COULD RELIEVE SOME OF THOSE DEPUTIES TO GO OUT ON
24 PATROL.

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1 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** NOT NECESSARILY. BECAUSE THE CUSTODY
2 ASSISTANTS ARE NOT ASSIGNED EXCLUSIVELY TO DEPUTY POSITIONS.
3 WHAT WE GET IS MORE VERSATILITY OUT OF THE DEPUTY POSITION.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT NOT ALL DEPUTIES ARE ASSIGNED, ARE THEY
6 NOT, TO THAT LEVEL THAT YOU'RE SAYING THEY'RE ASSIGNED TO.
7 YOU'RE SAYING EVERY DEPUTY IS ASSIGNED IN A POSITION THAT ONLY
8 A DEPUTY CAN HOLD, NOT A CUSTODY ASSISTANT.

9

10 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THAT'S CORRECT. THE DEPUTY POSITION HAS FAR
11 MORE VERSATILITY THAN A CUSTODY ASSISTANT POSITION. GENERALLY
12 THE CUSTODY ASSISTANT POSITION IS BEHIND THE BARS, AS THEY
13 SAY, EVEN IN THE HOUSING AREAS. THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY THERE
14 TO SUPERVISE DIRECTLY INMATES BUT TO ASSIST DEPUTIES WHO ARE
15 IN THE LOCKUPS SUPERVISING THE INMATES.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THEY COULD ASSUME SOME MORE OF THE
18 POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY THAN THEY CURRENTLY HAVE, WHICH WOULD
19 ALLOW MORE OF THE DEPUTIES TO GO ON PATROL AT A SHORTER TIME
20 FRAME THAN THEY CURRENTLY HAVE.

21

22 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THERE IS A POSSIBILITY TO DISCUSS THIS IN A
23 LABOR MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENT. BUT RIGHT NOW, FROM THE PRIOR
24 ADMINISTRATION BEFORE I WAS ELECTED, I'M BOUNDED TO THE
25 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THOUGHT IN OUR DISCUSSIONS YOU HAD WITH THE
3 BOARD, THOSE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE TAKING PLACE.

4

5 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** PARDON ME?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM OUR PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON THIS ISSUE,
8 BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, IT WAS THE UNDERSTANDING THOSE
9 DISCUSSIONS WERE TO TAKE PLACE?

10

11 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, I BELIEVE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ARE NOT
12 ONLY ON THE TABLE OF CONSIDERATION FROM WITHIN THE MANAGEMENT
13 SIDE, BUT I DO NOT HAVE ANY CONFIRMATION FROM A.L.A.D.S. THAT
14 THEY FOR A FACT ARE LOOKING AT LIFTING THE 35 PERCENT CAP.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU STARTED THE NEGOTIATION ASKING THEM?

17

18 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I DON'T HAVE A CLEAR RECOLLECTION THAT I
19 STARTED THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. I BELIEVE THAT ALL THINGS ARE ON
20 THE TABLE. AND THAT COULD BE VERY WELL BE ONE OF THEM.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SHERIFF BACA, I DON'T UNDERSTAND. YES, IT'S ON
2 THE TABLE. YOU WERE TOLD AND YOU AGREED TO A TWO, WHAT IS IT
3 CALLED? A TWO-TRACK CAREER GOAL PATH.

4

5 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** CORRECT. BUT I THINK THAT SUPERVISOR
6 ANTONOVICH IS TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE IS ASKING BASICALLY THE SAME QUESTION: WHEN
9 ARE YOU GOING TO START THOSE DISCUSSIONS?

10

11 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THEY ARE ONGOING NOW.

12

13 **SUP MOLINA:** OH REALLY?

14

15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** BUT HE'S TALKING ABOUT A PERSONNEL
16 CLASSIFICATION, HE'S TALKING SPECIFICALLY ABOUT AN ITEM THAT
17 IS NOT SWORN TO DO SWORN DEPUTY WORK. THAT'S WHAT HE'S TALKING
18 ABOUT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT IS NOT WHAT HE'S SAYING. IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE
21 SAYING?

22

23 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL THAT'S WHAT I UNDERSTOOD.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET'S CLEARLY UNDERSTAND. WHERE ARE YOU WITH
3 A.L.A.D.S. IN NEGOTIATING THIS TWO-TRACK CAREER PATH? WHERE
4 ARE YOU? HOW MANY MEETINGS HAVE YOU HAD? TRY THE BIG ZERO.

5

6 **CECIL RAMBO:** NO, WE'VE HAD ACTUALLY HALF A DOZEN, MAYBE SIX
7 MEETINGS WITH HIM.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHERE ARE YOU WITH IT?

10

11 **CECIL RAMBO:** A.L.A.D.S. ACTUALLY FORMED A COMMITTEE OF DEPUTY
12 REPRESENTATIVES TO GO OVER ALL OF THESE ISSUES.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DIDN'T ASK THAT. I ASKED WHERE ARE YOU?

15

16 **CECIL RAMBO:** WE'RE WAITING FOR THEIR RESPONSE ON OUR PROPOSAL.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOUR PROPOSAL IS WHAT? WHICH IS WHAT HE'S
19 ASKED?

20

21 **CECIL RAMBO:** OUR INITIAL RESPONSE FROM A.L.A.D.S. ON WHETHER
22 OR NOT-

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT I ASKED. WHAT'S THE PROPOSAL THAT
25 YOU PUT ON THE TABLE?



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2 **CECIL RAMBO:** OUR PROPOSAL WAS, ONE, TO PROVIDE A TWO-TIER, TWO
3 CAREER PATH PROGRAM FOR DEPUTIES, WHETHER THEY STAY IN CUSTODY
4 FOREVER AND PROMOTE UP THROUGH THAT PARTICULAR TRACK. AND THEN
5 WE ALSO INITIALLY ASKED A.L.A.D.S. IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO RAISE
6 THE PERCENTAGE OF C.A.S, CUSTODY ASSISTANTS. THIS WAS DONE
7 VERY EARLY ON SEVERAL MONTHS BACK. AND TO MY RECOLLECTION,
8 A.L.A.D.S. WAS REALLY NOT MOVED TO RAISE THAT PARTICULAR CAP.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT ENDS IT, THEN?

11

12 **CECIL RAMBO:** AT THAT POINT, WE STOPPED NEGOTIATIONS ON THAT
13 PARTICULAR PIECE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
14 AND WE MOVED FORWARD TO TALK ABOUT THE TWO-CAREER PATH TRACK
15 WITH A.L.A.D.S. AND WE ARE WAITING.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

18

19 **CECIL RAMBO:** WELL, THE DIFFERENCE IS THE PERCENTAGE WOULD
20 REMAIN THE SAME AT 35 PERCENT. THE TWO-CAREER PATH TRACK WOULD
21 ALLOW DEPUTIES, SWORN DEPUTY SHERIFFS, TO GO THROUGH A FULL
22 ACADEMY AND GO THROUGH THAT PATH AS THE DEPUTY, SERGEANT,
23 LIEUTENANT, CAPTAIN, ON, SO FORTH.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** IN CUSTODY.



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2 **CECIL RAMBO:** IN CUSTODY.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU HAVE NOT REACHED THE FULL 35 PERCENT
5 THAT YOU CURRENTLY ARE AUTHORIZED TO HAVE.

6

7 **CECIL RAMBO:** WE ACTUALLY HAVE APPROXIMATELY 60 C.A. VACANCIES
8 CURRENTLY. WE'RE ABOUT 33, 34 PERCENT NOW. SO WE DON'T HAVE A
9 SEVERE SHORTAGE OF CUSTODY ASSISTANTS, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE
10 SUGGESTING. IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE NOT TOO FAR OFF.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU ARE AUTHORIZED 35 PERCENT BUT YOU HAVE
13 NEVER REACHED THE 35 PERCENT RATIO THAT YOU'VE BEEN AUTHORIZED
14 TO HAVE.

15

16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IT GOES UP AND DOWN WITH RETIREMENTS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT NEVER REACHED 35 PERCENT. THE NUMBERS GO
19 UP AND DOWN.

20

21 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** LET ME EXPLAIN IT TO YOU THIS WAY. SOME OF
22 THOSE C.A.S WANT TO BE DEPUTY SHERIFFS. WE'RE NOW HIRING. THEY
23 APPLY. THEY BECOME ELIGIBLE. THEY BECOME DEPUTY SHERIFFS. NOW,
24 THERE ISN'T A DEPARTMENT IN THIS COUNTY, INCLUDING MINE, THAT
25 STAYS AT 100 PERCENT STAFFING WHEN YOU HAVE ABOUT 20 TO 30



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1 RETIREMENTS A MONTH. IT IS CONSTANT. WE CANNOT HIRE UP TO 100
2 PERCENT ON ANYTHING. AND WE RARELY DO. WHETHER IT'S DEPUTY
3 POSITIONS, CIVILIAN POSITIONS, CUSTODY ASSISTANT POSITIONS,
4 THIS IS A MOVING GOAL THAT WE'RE GENUINELY HAPPY TO SAY THAT
5 WE'RE AT LIKE 95 TO 98 PERCENT ON TOP OF. BUT YOU'RE NEVER
6 GOING TO HAVE THIS GOING ON AT 100 PERCENT WITHIN EVEN A 30-
7 DAY PERIOD.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** AN EXCHANGE. YOU KNOW, SHERIFF, YOU'RE PROVIDING
10 THESE REPORTS AND IT'S DONE IN THE SAME TONE. IT IS LIKE I'M
11 GOING TO GIVE YOU ALL THIS GARBAGE AND YOU CAN JUST TAKE THIS
12 GARBAGE AND SHOVE IT AROUND HOWEVER YOU WANT. I DON'T THINK
13 YOU'RE TAKING US VERY SERIOUSLY. AND I'M REALLY DISAPPOINTED.

14

15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** TO THE CONTRARY, SUPERVISOR, I DON'T THINK
16 YOU'RE TAKING WHAT I'M SAYING SERIOUSLY.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AM. AND I'VE BEEN LISTENING AND READING YOUR
19 REPORTS VERY, FRANKLY, AND I'VE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THEM.
20 AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT IT NOW. I MEAN
21 WHEN WE SET UP THIS THING, IT WAS TO GET TO SOMETHING
22 SPECIFIC. DON'T GIVE ME GOBBLEDYGOOK THAT YOU CAN'T GET THERE.

23

24 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** SUPERVISOR, I OBJECT TO YOU REFERRING TO MY
25 COMMENTS AS "GOBBLEDYGOOK".



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2 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET'S TRY TO KEEP THE CONVERSATION
3 AT LEAST RESPECTFUL. I UNDERSTAND THE FRUSTRATION.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCUSE ME. WE'RE ASKING QUESTIONS. I THINK
6 SUPERVISOR'S ASKING A VERY CLEAR QUESTION.

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8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** AND I GIVE A VERY CLEAR ANSWER NOW,
9 SUPERVISOR.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

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13 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE. WE HAVE ABOUT 95 TO 96
14 PERCENT OF CUSTODY ASSISTANTS ALREADY HIRED. HE'S SAYING WELL
15 HIRE ALL THE WAY UP TO 100 PERCENT AND THEN YOU CAN HAVE MORE
16 DEPUTIES GO TO PATROL. I DON'T DISAGREE. THE POINT IS THAT
17 WHILE WE'RE HIRING MORE DEPUTIES, SOME OF THEM ARE CAS THAT
18 HAVE QUALIFIED TO BE DEPUTIES. I DON'T KNOW HOW CLEAR MY MATH
19 CAN BE. THAT'S WHAT IT IS.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION? I DON'T THINK IT
22 DOES, DOES IT?

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOT REALLY. WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE THE
25 DIALOGUE BECAUSE THE ISSUE WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING PREVIOUSLY,



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1 BOTH IN PUBLIC SESSION AND AT EXECUTIVE SESSION. AND
2 A.L.A.D.S. HAVE BEEN IN BOTH MEETINGS DURING THOSE TIMES.

3

4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** SO YOUR POINT, AS I UNDERSTOOD, WAS THAT IF
5 WE HIRED MORE CUSTODY ASSISTANTS, WE COULD BUILD BEYOND THE 35
6 PERCENT LEVEL. AND THAT REQUIRES NEGOTIATIONS WITH A.L.A.D.S.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M SAYING YOU SHOULD REACH THE 35 PERCENT
9 LEVEL. ONCE YOU REACH THAT 35 PERCENT LEVEL, YOU FEEL YOU
10 OUGHT TO INCREASE THAT, THEN THAT WOULD BE FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

11

12 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I AGREE. BUT YOU CAN'T DO THAT IN JUST
13 SAYING SO HERE. YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH BACKGROUND
14 INVESTIGATIONS, YOU'VE GOT TO HIRE PEOPLE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S ONGOING. YOU HAVE AN H.R. OPERATION THAT
17 HAS CONTINUING APPLICATIONS COMING IN.

18

19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU HAVE A RESOURCE OF PEOPLE YOU CAN
22 CONTACT IF THEY WANT TO GO THROUGH THE TRAINING.

23

24 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I DON'T DISAGREE WITH YOUR GOAL. I'M JUST
25 EXPLAINING TO YOU THE PROCESS IN WHICH TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL.



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1 BUT IT'S NEVER GOING TO STAY AT 100 PERCENT, MEANING 35
2 PERCENT, OF THE WHOLE POTENTIAL. IT'S GOING TO BE THAT PEOPLE
3 RESIGN, PEOPLE LEAVE. IT'S A CONSTANT MOVING TARGET IN TERMS
4 OF IT. BUT IF WE'RE UP AT 98 PERCENT, 99 PERCENT, OCCASIONALLY
5 100 PERCENT, I AGREE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DON'T BELIEVE YOU WILL SHOW A 99 PERCENT
8 ACHIEVEMENT RATIO OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. THAT WAS THE
9 QUESTION. YOU SHOULD ACHIEVE THAT LEVEL 35 PERCENT. AND THEN
10 IF THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE, YOU HAVE THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. IT'S
11 BEEN OUR UNDERSTANDING YOU HAVEN'T COME CLOSE TO THE 35
12 PERCENT.

13

14 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** SIR, I CAN DO THIS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DON'T YOU GIVE US THE NUMBERS FOR THE
17 PAST 36 MONTHS? WHAT PERCENTAGE? THE NUMBER YOU HAVE.

18

19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** AS THEY MOVE IN AND OUT. YOU KNOW WHAT I'VE
20 HAD TO DO IN THE PAST 36 MONTHS. I'VE HAD TO ELIMINATE 128
21 MILLION DOLLARS OUT OF MY BUDGET. WHEN YOU DO THESE THINGS,
22 YOU CHANGE NUMBERS RAPIDLY TO SAVE THE COUNTY DOLLARS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF YOU'RE AT 99 PERCENT, 98 PERCENT, THAT
25 WOULD SHOW; RIGHT?



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2 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I'LL BE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU ANYTHING THAT WE
3 CAN-

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVE US 36-MONTH REPORT ON THAT 35 PERCENT
6 RATIO. AND THEN WE CAN SEE THOSE NUMBERS.

7

8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** ALL RIGHT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** FIRST OF ALL, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
11 CLARIFY EXACTLY WHAT THIS SIDE OF THE TABLE NEEDS, ALL RIGHT?
12 SHERIFF BACA, JUST BECAUSE THE A.C.L.U. DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AS
13 PRESENT OR D.O.J. IS NOT AS PRESENT, THIS BOARD IS STILL
14 EQUALLY AS CONCERNED ABOUT MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE
15 OCCURRING IN CUSTODY. ALL RIGHT? WE PAY THE LIABILITY. WE ARE
16 THE ONES THAT ARE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR
17 SOME OF THESE ISSUES. I TALKED TO YOU VERY CLEARLY THAT THIS
18 WAS A PARTNERSHIP. BUT SOMEHOW IN YOUR RESPONSES, YOU DON'T
19 SEEM TO RESPECT THAT ASPECT OF THE PARTNERSHIP. SO, AGAIN, THE
20 QUESTION THAT HAS BEEN ASKED IS VERY SIMPLE. AGAIN, I JUST
21 DON'T THINK THAT WE NEED TO KNOW ALL THE PARAMETERS OF WHY YOU
22 CAN'T GET THERE. YOU DON'T NEED TO GO TO A.L.A.D.S. FOR MORE
23 THAN 35 PERCENT.

24

25 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** OH YES I DO.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** EXCUSE ME, BUT WE'RE NOT INTERESTED IN THAT.

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4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YOU SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN THAT.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, THAT WASN'T THE QUESTION HE
7 ASKED. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, LET'S BE CLEAR, ALL RIGHT? WHAT
8 YOU'RE ALREADY AUTHORIZED YOU CAN'T BE BLAMING A.L.A.DS.

9

10 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I'M NOT BLAMING ANYBODY.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT DOESN'T REQUIRE ANY DISCUSSION TO GET UP TO 35
13 PERCENT. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS SHOW US THE STATISTICS ON THAT,
14 THAT'S THE QUESTION. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO
15 ANSWER THE QUESTION CLEARLY IN RESPONSE. THAT'S THE SAME
16 THING. IN SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WE HAVE ASKED WITH REGARD
17 TO SOME OF THESE ISSUES, THEY ARE NOT QUITE CLEAR. I DID GET
18 THE INFORMATION ON THE CAMERAS. NOW, DID YOU HAVE A CONSULTANT
19 THAT REVIEWED THAT THIS CAMERA COVERAGE IS SUFFICIENT TO GET
20 EVERY ANGLE OF EVERY BIT OF EVERYTHING? I TAKE IT YOU DID.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** NO, ACTUALLY PUTTING THE CAMERAS IN IS PRETTY
23 SIMPLISTIC. IF YOU LOOK DOWN THE CAMERA AND IT DISPLAYS
24 EVERYTHING THAT'S IN VIEW, I MEAN WE COULD SPEND HALF A
25 MILLION DOLLARS TO GET A CAMERA LAYOUT, BUT IT'S GOING TO BE



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1 IN A POSITION WHERE WE COULD POSITION THAT CAMERA OURSELVES.
2 AND IF WE DON'T GET, IF WE SEE ANY BLIND SPOTS WHATSOEVER,
3 WE'RE MOVING THE CAMERAS. WE'RE PUTTING THEM IN SO THAT WE
4 HAVE FULL COVERAGE.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THESE CAMERAS, MANY OF THEM, HAVE BEEN
7 INSTALLED AND ARE IN OPERATION, THEY HAVE BEEN AT LEAST FOR 30
8 DAYS.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** HAVE THERE BEEN ANY INCIDENTS IN THE LAST 30
13 DAYS? YOU DON'T KNOW?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO ANSWER IT.

16

17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IN TERMS OF FORCE? YES, THERE HAVE BEEN.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THOSE HAVE BEEN REVIEWED ON THE CAMERA?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE THEY HAVE.

22

23 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I'M CONFIDENT THEY'RE THERE FOR THAT REASON.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MANY HAVE THERE BEEN?



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2 **CECIL RAMBO:** WELL IN THE LAST, JUST IN THE LAST, JUST THIS
3 MONTH WE'VE HAD 10 USES OF FORCE. ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN LESS
4 SIGNIFICANT, MEANING VERY, VERY MINOR OR NO INJURY. SIX WERE
5 INMATE RESCUES OR BREAKING UP INMATE FIGHTS. OF THOSE 10 USES
6 OF FORCE, ONLY TWO WERE AT CENTRAL JAIL. I WILL HAVE TO
7 DOUBLE-CHECK AND SEE IF THEY WERE ACTUALLY CAUGHT ON FILM.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOBODY REVIEWS THE FILM? WHO REVIEWS THE FILM?

10

11 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IN THE SIGNIFICANT FORCE, WE HAVE A RESPONSE
12 TEAM. AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU THAT IF YOU REQUEST IT
13 AS YOU DO.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE INCIDENT REPORT AND WHAT THE
16 CAMERAS PRODUCED. I DON'T WANT TO JUST HAVE CAMERAS BECAUSE
17 YOU'RE PUTTING CAMERAS IN. EITHER THEY'RE USEFUL OR THEY'RE
18 NOT USEFUL.

19

20 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THEY'RE USEFUL.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY'RE USEFUL?

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1 **CECIL RAMBO:** THE WATCH COMMANDERS AFTER THE INCIDENT OF USE OF
2 FORCE, THE WATCH COMMANDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE SURE THE
3 VIDEO IS REVIEWED. I WILL REVIEW DOUBLE CHECK THOSE PACKAGES.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHO REVIEWS IT?

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7 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** OUR SERGEANTS REVIEW ALL USES OF FORCE, THE
8 DEPUTIES THEMSELVES MAKE THE REPORTS, THE LIEUTENANT REVIEWS
9 THE PACKAGE. AND THEN WE HAVE THIS SPECIAL TEAM, AND IF IT'S A
10 SIGNIFICANT FORCE THAT WILL ALSO REVIEW THESE PACKAGES.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THESE 10 USES OF FORCE WOULD HAVE A WRITTEN
13 REPORT?

14

15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WOULD IT HAVE THE CONTENT OF WHAT WAS
18 REVIEWED AND WHETHER IT WAS WITHIN, I GUESS, PROTOCOL OR
19 APPROPRIATE USE OF FORCE? THERE WOULD BE A REPORT THAT SAYS
20 THAT?

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22 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU HAVE THOSE?

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1 **CECIL RAMBO:** WE DO HAVE THE REPORTS. AND WE ALSO HAVE A DAILY
2 SYNOPSIS OF ALL THE FORCE THAT IS USED IN THE ENTIRE CUSTODY
3 DIVISION.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO REVIEW THAT WITH ME. I DON'T
6 NEED YOU TO SEND IT TO ME. I'D RATHER YOU JUST BRING IT IN.

7

8 **CECIL RAMBO:** YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I'M NOT SO SURE ON THE CAMERAS. I KNOW
11 THAT YOU'RE INSTALLING AND YOU'RE PUTTING THEM IN AND IT'S
12 PROCEEDING, BUT I'M HOPEFUL THAT IT'S GOING TO BE WORTHWHILE
13 AS WE- THAT SOMEBODY IS REVIEWING IT, THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE
14 A MECHANISM AND A PROCESS SO THAT WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE
15 INCIDENTS THAT WE'VE HAD FROM THE VIEW OF THE A.C.L.U. OR SOME
16 OF THE OTHER COMPLAINTS THAT HAVE BEEN FILED, THAT WE ACTUALLY
17 HAVE THE INFORMATION. BECAUSE I THINK IF THE CAMERAS ARE ON, I
18 THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE LESS SITUATIONS THAN WE'VE HAD UP
19 TO NOW. SO I THINK IT WORKS PREVENTIVE AS WELL.

20

21 **CECIL RAMBO:** WE AGREE. REGARDING YOUR CONSULTANT QUESTION,
22 ACTUALLY WHEN THE CAMERAS WERE INSTALLED, I SPOKE WITH THE
23 OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW, SPECIFICALLY WALTER KATZ, WHO IS
24 THE C.J. O.I.R. ATTORNEY. AND HE AND I BOTH WENT OVER AND
25 DISCUSSED THE PLACEMENT OF THE CAMERAS AND MAKING SURE THAT



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1 THEY HAD AS FEW DEAD SPOTS AS POSSIBLE. SO HE AND I ACTUALLY
2 WENT OVER THOSE. AND THEN WE HAVE SCHEMATICS THAT WE SHOWED
3 THE SHERIFF, ALSO.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THE ISSUE OF MEETING WITH A.L.A.DS., ON THE
6 ISSUE 679 FLASHLIGHTS, DO YOU HAVE A TIME FRAME AS TO WHEN
7 THAT MEETING MIGHT HAPPEN? I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO MEET
8 TOMORROW. BUT IS THERE GOING TO BE 14 MEETINGS IS THERE AN
9 AGENDA? IS THERE ONE MEETING? HOW DOES THAT WORK?

10

11 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** GENERALLY IT'S SEVERAL MEETINGS. PART OF THE
12 PROCESS THAT A.L.A.DS. HAS CHOSEN, WHICH I THINK IS A GOOD
13 ONE, IS THEY HAVE A GROUP OF DEPUTIES WHO ARE FROM THE JAIL
14 AND FROM THE FIELD AND HAVE MORE USE OF FLASHLIGHTS AS A DAILY
15 JOB. AND SO THAT GROUP IS CONVENING WITH US TOMORROW.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND.

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19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE FLASHLIGHT SHOULD
20 NOT WEIGH MORE THAN 16 OUNCES.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S KNOW WHAT I'M ASKING ABOUT.
23 SO WHEN IS THE END DATE FOR IT? HOW MANY MEETINGS WILL YOU
24 HAVE?

25



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1 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I SHOULD LIKE TO GET THIS DONE BY THE END OF
2 FEBRUARY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT REALISTIC?

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6 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I THINK IT IS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** GOOD. THEN I WILL EXPECT A RECOMMENDATION AT THE
9 END OF FEBRUARY. BECAUSE OTHERWISE THEY KEEP DELAYING THESE
10 MEETINGS, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY'RE HAPPENING. THEY
11 SHOULD HAVE HAPPENED BY NOW. I KNOW THE HOLIDAYS HAVE BEEN IN
12 BETWEEN. BUT I THINK IT'S A FAIRLY IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND WE
13 WANT TO BE RESPECTFUL OF A.L.A.D.S., BUT IF THEY DON'T COME TO
14 THE TABLE AND MEET, THAT'S JUST DELAYING THE PROCESS. ALL
15 RIGHT. ON THE ISSUE WITH YOU ALREADY GAVE US THE TARGET DATE
16 FOR THE OFFICER-WORN CAMERAS TO DO A PILOT PROGRAM. WITH
17 REGARD TO THE MENTAL HEALTH COMPONENT, RIGHT NOW WHEN SOMEONE
18 SHOWS UP IN OUR CUSTODY THAT IS MENTALLY ILL, THEY ARE
19 SEPARATED FROM THE REGULAR--

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21 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** POPULATION?

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** POPULATION, IS THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU HAVE OR AT ANY GIVEN
3 TIME THAT ARE IN THE MENTAL HEALTH UNIT?

4

5 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** GENERALLY IT'S ABOUT 2,000 OF THE INMATES.
6 NOT ALL OF THEM ARE ACUTE, HOWEVER. WE DO HAVE QUITE A FEW
7 THAT TAKE MEDICATION THAT ARE IN GENERAL POPULATION. SO
8 THERE'S A PRIORITIZATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
9 USES TO DETERMINE WHICH ONES GO IN THE TOWER. AND THEN ONE OF
10 THE TWIN TOWERS IS TOTALLY DEDICATED TO THE MENTAL HEALTH
11 TREATMENT. BUT THEY'RE MORE SEVERE.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHAT IS THE DETERMINATION THAT IS MADE AS TO
14 WHEN ONE EXITS THAT TOWER? MENTAL HEALTH MAKES THAT
15 EVALUATION?

16

17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IT'S BASED ON WHAT?

20

21 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THEIR PSYCHIATRIC AND THEIR PSYCHOLOGICAL
22 EVALUATION INTERVIEWS AND DISCUSSIONS AND THE THINGS THAT THEY
23 DO IN THEIR MEDICAL PROFESSION.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL LIKE WHAT? I JUST WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU STOP
2 BEING MENTALLY ILL. SURE.

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4 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** MARVIN SOUTHARD, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF
5 MENTAL HEALTH. I HAVE WITH ME HERE DR. KATHLEEN DALY WHO IS
6 THE CHIEF OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT THE JAIL PROGRAMS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION?

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10 **KATHLEEN DALY:** THE QUESTION IS HOW PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED TO NO
11 LONGER NEED MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT.

14

15 **KATHLEEN DALY:** THEY HAVE AN EVALUATION BUY A MENTAL HEALTH
16 CLINICIAN TO DETERMINE IF THE ACUITY OF THEIR SYMPTOMS IS MILD
17 ENOUGH.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT ARE SOME OF THE DETERMINING FACTORS?

20

21 **KATHLEEN DALY:** WHEN PEOPLE COME IN THEY ARE OFTEN PSYCHOTIC.
22 THEY NEED TO BE ON MEDICATION. ONCE THEY STABILIZE ON
23 MEDICATION, THEY'LL NEED TO STAY ON MEDICATION BUT DON'T
24 REQUIRE THE ONGOING TREATMENT THAT THEY GET IN MENTAL HEALTH
25 HOUSING. SO THEY NEED TO BE STABILIZED TO THE POINT--



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU RELEASE THEM INTO THE GENERAL POPULATION?

3

4 **KATHLEEN DALY:** WE RELEASE THEM FROM MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING AND
5 THEN THE SHERIFF DETERMINES WHERE THEY ARE HOUSED BUT
6 GENERALLY TO GENERAL POPULATION.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THERE KNOWLEDGE AMONGST THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
9 MAINTAINING CUSTODY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT THEY HAVE MENTAL
10 HEALTH ISSUES? DO THEY KNOW BECAUSE OF THEIR MEDICATION?

11

12 **KATHLEEN DALY:** THEY KNOW. AND WE ALSO TO THE MENTAL HEALTH
13 UNITS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES ON THE GENERAL POPULATION SIDE, AS
14 WELL. AND THEY DO FOLLOW-UP WITH THEM, AS WELL. SO THEY'RE
15 SEEN BUY A PSYCHIATRIST IF THEY'RE ON MEDICATION.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE PERSON THAT IS THE CUSTODY
18 OFFICIAL AT THE TIME? DO THEY KNOW THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL IS
19 MENTALLY ILL?

20

21 **KATHLEEN DALY:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY DO?

24

25 **KATHLEEN DALY:** YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO ON THE ISSUE OF TRANSPORT, WHY IS IT THAT IF
3 WE KNOW THAT THEY'RE MENTALLY ILL, WHY ARE WE HAVING THIS
4 PROBLEM?

5

6 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IN TERMS OF TRANSFERRING THEM BACK FROM THE?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU SAY YOU NEED MORE MONEY TO GET MORE PEOPLE.

9

10 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO GO BACK AND THEY
11 RESIST GOING BACK TO THE GENERAL CENTRAL JAIL HOUSING AREA.
12 WHAT I'VE DONE, IN ORDER TO AVOID THAT ISSUE, AS WELL, IS TO
13 HAVE THEM REPORT TO INMATE RECEPTION CENTER AND SEND THEM TO
14 ANOTHER FACILITY THAT DOESN'T ALARM THEM TO THE DEGREE THAT
15 THE OLD CENTRAL JAIL HAS ALARMED THEM. BEARING IN MIND THAT
16 EVEN IF THEY'RE STABLE, THE FEAR FACTOR, THAT WHATEVER IT IS
17 THAT LEADS TO MENTAL HEALTH BEHAVIOR IS WHAT I'M TRYING TO
18 ADDRESS. AND DEPUTIES ARE TELLING ME THAT THEY OFTEN HAVE TO
19 USE FORCE THAT THEY DON'T WANT TO USE BECAUSE SOMEONE IS
20 DRAGGING THEIR FEET AND RELUCTANTLY BECOMING RESISTIVE TO
21 GOING TO THE HOUSING. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT TO ME SHOULD BE
22 DEALT WITH IN A DIFFERENT MANNER RATHER THAN SENDING THEM BACK
23 TO THE OLD CENTRAL JAIL. AND SO WE'LL SEND THEM SOMEWHERE
24 ELSE. BUT THEY STILL REQUIRE A PROFESSIONAL TO DEAL WITH THEM
25 BECAUSE THEY ACT RATHER ERRATICALLY AND THEY ACT VIOLENTLY.



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1 AND I DON'T WANT MORE FORCE, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO USE FORCE
2 JUST TO GET PEOPLE BACK TO HOUSING. I THINK THAT'S
3 INAPPROPRIATE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THIS REALLY REQUIRES SOME KIND OF AN
6 EVALUATION FOR ME TO TRY AND UNDERSTAND HOW THIS WORKS. YOU
7 RETURN PEOPLE INTO THE REGULAR POPULATION. BUT THEY'RE STILL
8 ACTING OUT. ISN'T THAT A KIND OF A PROBLEM? I MEAN BECAUSE A
9 CUSTODY OFFICIAL IS GOING TO USE FORCE IF HE'S IN THE REGULAR
10 POPULATION. IF HE'S ACTING OUT BECAUSE OF MENTAL HEALTH
11 ISSUES, MAYBE HE SHOULDN'T BE IN THE GENERAL POPULATION?

12

13 **KATHLEEN DALY:** I WOULD AGREE WITH YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW YOU WOULD AGREE WITH ME, BUT THAT DOESN'T
16 RESOLVE THIS ISSUE. HOW DO WE MAKE THAT HAPPEN? BECAUSE WHAT
17 HAS HAPPENED, AND SOME OF THE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY IN SOME OF
18 THE A.C.L.U. CASES, THERE WERE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE, INCLUDING
19 ONE THAT WAS KILLED, IN THE GENERAL POPULATION. AND SO I'M
20 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND AS TO WHY WE'RE RELEASING THEM INTO THE
21 GENERAL POPULATION AND YET WE HAVE CONSTANT PROBLEMS. AND ONE
22 OF THE SOLUTIONS THAT THE SHERIFF IS PRESENTING IS THAT WE
23 GIVE YOU HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO HIRE MORE SOCIAL WORKERS
24 THAT ARE GOING TO HELP ESCORT THESE PEOPLE.

25



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1 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I THINK THE ISSUE FOR THE
2 HOUSING OF THE PEOPLE IN THE TWIN TOWERS JAIL ARE THOSE ARE
3 THE MOST ACUTE BEDS WHERE THE MOST INTENSE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S A DIFFERENT ISSUE. I'M TALKING ABOUT WHEN
6 THEY RELEASE THEM BACK INTO THE POPULATION.

7

8 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** AND WHAT I WAS SAYING IS THAT I THINK THOSE
9 WHO ARE MOST STABLE ARE TRIAGED FOR RELEASE BACK. AND I THINK
10 THE IDEA OF THE J.M.E.T. TEAM THAT THE SHERIFF IS TALKING
11 ABOUT HAS A FUNCTION THAT IS MORE THAN MERELY ESCORTING FOR
12 THE TRANSPORTATION. IT'S ALSO TO AUGMENT THE ABILITY TO
13 PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE INDIVIDUALS AS THEY ARE
14 A PART OF THE GENERAL POPULATION.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. BUT IF MOST OF THE INCIDENTS THAT HAVE
17 OCCURRED OCCUR LATE AT NIGHT OR EARLY IN THE MORNING WHEN SOME
18 OF THE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE NOT THERE. SO SUPPLEMENTING THEM IS
19 NOT GOING TO BE THE ANSWER. WE'RE GETTING A REQUEST FOR MORE
20 MONEY, WELL OVER A MILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS, IN ORDER TO DO
21 THIS. AND I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT FUNCTIONS. ALL RIGHT?
22 BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAVE THESE PEOPLE ACTING OUT THAT ARE
23 MENTALLY ILL, I MEAN, THAT HAS BEEN AN ONGOING PROBLEM. AND I
24 THINK WE HAVE A LARGER DUTY TO PROTECT THESE FOLKS,
25 PARTICULARLY IN THE GENERAL POPULATION, BECAUSE SOMETIMES WHEN



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1 THEY ACT OUT, IT ISN'T -- USE OF FORCE ISN'T NECESSARILY BY A
2 DEPUTY. IT'S USUALLY BY A FELLOW CONVICT, RIGHT?

3

4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** RIGHT.

5

6 **KATHLEEN DALY:** THE EXAMPLE THAT THE SHERIFF USED WAS WHEN
7 PEOPLE WERE LEAVING MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING TO GO TO GENERAL
8 POPULATION.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT.

11

12 **KATHLEEN DALY:** BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE J.M.E.T. TEAMS
13 WOULD ACTUALLY BE USED IN THE OTHER DIRECTION, AS WELL. SO
14 WHEN SOMEONE WHO'S IN GENERAL POPULATION, WHO MAY OR MAY NOT
15 HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A MENTAL HEALTH CLIENT, IS ACTING OUT,
16 THAT SOMETIMES IT'S DIFFICULT TO REMOVE THAT PERSON FROM THEIR
17 CELL, TO MOVE THEM TO MENTAL HEALTH HOUSING. AND THAT THAT'S
18 WHEN THE SUPPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH PERSONNEL AND SPECIALLY
19 TRAINED DEPUTIES WOULD BE CALLED UPON.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A WHOLE DIFFERENT
22 POPULATION. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A POPULATION THAT HAS NEVER
23 BEEN ASSESSED OF MENTALLY ILL.

24

25 **KATHLEEN DALY:** MAY NOT HAVE BEEN.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

3

4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** NO. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THOSE THAT ARE IN
5 THE TOWER. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS DECLARED,
6 THROUGH THEIR EVALUATIVE PROCESS, THAT THEY NO LONGER NEED
7 THAT SPECIAL HOUSING THAT'S RATHER INTENSE AND CENTRIC TO THE
8 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. THAT'S WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL HAS TO BE
9 REMOVED. NOT IN ALL OCCASIONS BUT ON ENOUGH OCCASIONS TO BRING
10 IT TO MY ATTENTION BY DEPUTIES. THAT'S WHERE INMATES START TO
11 ACT UP AND GET RESISTIVE AND THEN VIOLENT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M TRYING VERY HARD TO UNDERSTAND THIS AND NOT
14 CLEAR. WHY DON'T YOU TWO GET TOGETHER AND WRITE A PLAN SO THAT
15 I UNDERSTAND CLEARLY HOW MENTALLY ILL FELONS IN CUSTODY WHEN
16 THEY'RE RELEASED, WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PARAMETERS, HOW DO YOU
17 RELEASE THEM, HOW THEY ARE MONITORED AND WHO SUPERVISES THEM,
18 SO WHEN THERE ARE TRANSFERS AS TO HOW THAT WORKS. I DON'T
19 THINK WE'RE CLEARLY UNDERSTANDING IT, YOU CERTAINLY DON'T SEEM
20 TO UNDERSTAND IT BETWEEN YOURSELVES, SO IT'S HARDLY READY FOR
21 US TO GET TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT YOU'RE ACTUALLY DOING
22 WITH IT. CAN WE EXPECT THAT SOON?

23

24 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'LL BRIGHT IT UP?

2

3 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** CLEARLY?

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7 **KATHLEEN DALY:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. AND AGAIN ON THE TWO-
10 TRACK CAREER PATH, AGAIN BECAUSE THIS IS AN A.L.A.D.S. ISSUE,
11 DO YOU HAVE A TIME FRAME ON THAT ONE? THIS IS DIFFERENT.

12

13 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I SAY THAT THE TIME FRAME FOR FULL
14 IMPLEMENTATION IS GOING TO BE ABOUT FIVE YEARS.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THAT YOU HAVE A FULL CUSTODY COMPONENT THAT
17 HAS SERGEANTS AND YES DEDICATED.

18

19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** DEDICATED CAREER PATH.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** FIVE YEARS.

22

23 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IT WILL TAKE THAT, AT LEAST. BUT WE CAN DO
24 WHAT IS DESIRED. WE CAN DO A TWO-TRACK. AND WE'RE GOING TO TRY
25 OUR BEST TO DO A TWO-TRACK.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT, YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH
3 MEET AND CONFER PROCESS WITH A.L.A.D.S. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK
4 THAT WILL TAKE?

5

6 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THAT WILL EVOLVE STARTING NOW. AND DEPENDING
7 UPON HOW WE CAN DEAL WITH SOME OF THE THOUGHTS THAT EVEN
8 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH PRESENTED WILL DETERMINE HOW LONG THIS
9 TAKES. BUT AS YOU KNOW WITH MEET AND CONFER PROCESSES, THEY DO
10 TAKE TIME.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT IT DOES TAKE TIME. BUT MY
13 UNDERSTANDING IT IS MEET AND CONFER. THERE'S A POINT IN TIME
14 WHEN THAT ENDS AND YOU START GET STARTED AS MANAGEMENT IF YOU
15 MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT THAT'S WHERE YOU WANT TO GO. SO IS
16 IT THREE MONTHS? SIX MONTHS? WHEN YOU END THAT PROCESS AND
17 BEGIN THE TWO-TRACK CAREER PATH. I GUESS THAT'S THE QUESTION
18 I'M ASKING.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** COULD WE, EXCUSE ME, IF I COULD, IF I MAY, IF
21 WE COULD WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I'LL HAVE JIM
22 ADAMS TALK AND MEET WITH THE SHERIFF'S EMPLOYEE RELATIONS
23 STAFF AND WE'LL REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THIS ISSUE.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AS TO WHEN BECAUSE THAT'S ONE THING FOR IT TO
2 MEET AND CONFER PROCESS AND BEGIN THE PROCESS IF YOU'RE GOING
3 TO BEGIN IT AT ALL. I GUESS THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ASKING. YOU'RE
4 SAYING IF THEY WERE TO APPROVE IT, THAT BY THE TIME YOU WOULD
5 FULLY IMPLEMENT, IT WOULD TAKE FIVE YEARS; RIGHT?

6

7 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES. AND I'D LIKE TO HAVE THIS DONE BEFORE
8 SUMMER'S OVER WITH IN TERMS OF THE MEET AND CONFER PROCESS.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I GUESS THAT WAS THE QUESTION WE WERE ASKING AS
11 TO WHEN THAT WOULD BE DONE. BUT I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THAT IS.
12 AND SO IF YOU'LL GET US THE REPORT--

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL WORK WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
15 WE'LL BRING BACK THE INFORMATION WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF'S
16 OFFICE AT A MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

17

18 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S A GOOD PATH FORWARD. OKAY.
19 ANYBODY ELSE? ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM?
20 OKAY. WE'LL HOLD THIS ITEM. YOU'RE EXCUSED. THIS RECEIVE AND
21 FILE ITEM. WITH WE'LL HOLD IT UNTIL WE GET THROUGH THE PUBLIC
22 COMMENT PERIOD. THERE IS ONE PERSON THAT WANTS TO BE HEARD ON
23 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE WON'T ACT ON THIS UNTIL THAT POINT.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S JUST A RECEIVE AND FILE.



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2 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** STILL SUBJECT TO PUBLIC COMMENT. WE
3 HAVE A SECOND SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS? DO YOU WANT TO TAKE
4 THAT UP NOW?

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM S-2?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THOUGHT WE WERE JUST GOING TO GET THE REPORT ON
9 THIS ONE?

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM S-2?

12

13 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S FINE. WHO IS IT? OKAY. IS
14 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF COMING? JOHN SCHUNHOFF? BECAUSE
15 IT'S A SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS THAT'S ON THE AGENDA.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. BUT I GOT A CALL AND THEY ASKED ME IF I
18 WANTED A REPORT. I TOLD THEM NO WE DIDN'T NEED IT. SO THAT'S
19 WHY I'M WONDERING.

20

21 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT IT'S NOW ON THE AGENDA. GIVE US
22 A BRIEF REPORT. WE HAVE ONE PERSON THAT WANTS TO BE HEARD ON
23 THIS WHICH WE WILL HANDLE IN A MINUTE.

24



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1 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISORS, THIS IS THE REPORT FOR THE
2 FULL MONTH OF DECEMBER PLUS THE SHORT REPORT FOR JANUARY. MOST
3 OF THE INDICATORS ARE STABLE THROUGH THAT WHOLE PERIOD, AS
4 INDICATED IN THE REPORTS THAT WE PROVIDED.

5

6 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WE WON'T ACT ON
7 THIS NOW. IS THIS A RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM?

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

10

11 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE'LL DEAL WITH THAT WHEN WE GET
12 TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD. THAT TAKES CARE OF THE THOSE TWO
13 ITEMS. DON, YOU WERE FIRST UP.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I HELD ITEM NUMBER 2. AND I'M
16 WITHDRAWING THAT HOLD AND WOULD MOVE THE ITEM.

17

18 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE SOMEBODY THAT
19 WANTED TO BE HEARD ON THAT FROM THE PUBLIC, SO WE'LL STILL
20 HOLD THAT. LET ME GO TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT NOW. ERIC PREVEN,
21 ARNOLD SACHS, AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL? MR. PREVEN, YOU'VE ASKED
22 TO BE HEARD ON 1-D, 2-H, 1, 12, 16 AND 52, 19 AND 53, AND ITEM
23 30 AND S-1.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I HAVE SIGNED
2 UP TO SPEAK ON S-1 SEPARATE TO THOSE OTHER ITEMS AND I WOULD
3 REQUEST, SINCE THAT ITEM HAS JUST BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE
4 SHERIFF AND THE CREW, THAT I SPEAK ON THAT ITEM AND THEN I'LL
5 STEP OFF. I HAVE A VERY LIMITED COMMENT. THAT COMMENT, FIRST
6 OF ALL MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM THE COUNTY RESIDENT
7 FROM DISTRICT 3. AND MY COMMENT HAS TO DO WITH OFFICER-WORN
8 VIDEO CAMERAS. WE BELIEVE, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, THAT IN
9 ORDER TO PROTECT OUR DEPUTIES FROM FALSE ALLEGATIONS AS WELL
10 AS TO PROTECT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM UNWANTED OR
11 UNNECESSARY USE OF FORCE THAT THE OFFICER-WORN CAMERAS THAT
12 EITHER GO IN THE POCKET OR ON THE EAR PIECE, AND I HAVE A
13 WRITING ON THAT, AND SINCE I DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP MY TIME ON
14 THE OTHER ITEMS, I WILL SIMPLY LEAVE THAT FOR THE BOARD TO
15 STUDY. I THINK THAT THOSE CAMERAS PROVIDE A BETTER COVERAGE,
16 IF YOU WILL, THAN SPACE CAMERAS. BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW, LIKE
17 IN THIS MOMENT, I'M ON CAMERA, BUT NOBODY CAN SEE WHAT'S GOING
18 ON OFF-CAMERA. AND ANY OF THE SUPERVISORS ARE LOOKING AT THEIR
19 COMPUTER MONITORS AND IGNORING ME. AND THAT IS A PROBLEM. AND
20 IF YOU APPLY THE SAME PRINCIPLE TO SITUATIONS IN THE JAIL THAT
21 WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE RECORDED, ANOTHER VIRTUE OF THE SMALLER
22 AND LESS EXPENSIVE CAMERAS, ALTHOUGH THERE'S A RANGE IN COST,
23 IS THEY RECORD AUDIO, AS WELL. AND I THINK THAT THAT CAN OFTEN
24 DISPEL ANY NOTIONS OF FALSE ALLEGATIONS OR CAN PROTECT OUR
25 DEPUTIES WHO DESERVE OUR RESPECT. I MUST SAY CONCLUDING ON S-



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1 1, THAT GLORIA MOLINA AND SHERIFF LEE BACA HAVE SOME
2 DISAGREEMENTS. AND WE'VE SEEN THAT. AND I THINK THAT THE
3 PUBLIC SCRUTINY CAN HELP WITH THAT PROCESS. WE ALSO EXPECT A
4 BIT MORE INFORMATION FROM THE SHERIFF DEPUTIES. AND WE ALSO
5 EXPECT THAT THE SUPERVISORS TAKE A MORE AGGRESSIVE ROLE IN
6 POLICING THE POLICE, IF YOU WILL. AND BY THAT I MEAN, GLORIA
7 MOLINA OR SUPERVISOR MOLINA STOPPED SHORT OF LOOKING AT THE
8 INFORMATION THAT IS RECORDED ON THE CAMERAS. AND I THINK THAT
9 THAT WOULD ACTUALLY BE A GOOD EXERCISE FOR THE SUPERVISORS, TO
10 DEMAND TO SEE ALL THAT STUFF. IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG. THE
11 INCIDENTS ARE FREQUENTLY OVER IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. ITEM
12 12, I'D LIKE TO COME BACK, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SINCE I
13 KNOW IT IS VERY IMPORTANT ON THIS VERY ISSUE ON SPEAKING ON
14 DIFFERENT ITEMS. I HAVE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ITEMS THAT I
15 PULLED TOGETHER. ONE IS ITEM 1-H AND 2-H, WHICH HAVE TO DO
16 WITH TWO VERY DIFFERENT PROJECTS THAT WERE BID OUT TO
17 CONTRACTORS AND INVOLVES THE GORDIAN GROUP. THE GORDIAN GROUP
18 IS A JOB ORDER CONTRACTING FIRM THAT PROVIDES FOR 1.95 PERCENT
19 OF A BUDGET THE KIND BID PROCESS. IT'S TOO MUCH. PEOPLE WHO
20 DEAL WITH LARGE SUMS LIKE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NEED
21 A BETTER DEAL THAN 1.95 PERCENT AND I MADE IT CLEAR TO C.E.O.
22 FUJIOKA AND I WOULD EXPECT THAT WE TAKE A LONG LOOK AT THAT
23 AGREEMENT. THERE'S ALSO ITEM NUMBER 52 WHICH IS THE HOSPITAL.
24
25 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP.



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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** MAY I ROLL MY COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC COMMENT TIME
3 INTO THIS?

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5 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT ON
6 PUBLIC COMMENT BUT YOUR TIME IS UP. NEXT IS DOCTOR CLAVREUL.

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8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

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10 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE WE START HER TIME, LET'S
11 HOLD IT SO THAT YOU'RE HERE ON S-2, ITEM 1, 12, 16 AND 52, 20
12 AND 28. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT FOR THE RECORD.

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** ON S-2, I OBJECT TO THE REPORT WAS
15 GIVEN. TO SAY IT WAS NOTHING IMPORTANT IS REALLY UNDERSTATING
16 THE SITUATION. IT WAS DANGEROUS OVERCROWDING LEVEL OF 7.5
17 PERCENT. THAT'S REALLY TREATING IT VERY LIGHTLY. WE STILL
18 NEVER HAD A REPORT FROM DR. KATZ ABOUT THAT WONDERFUL STAFFING
19 MODEL HE HAD TOLD US ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO. WE APPROVE 36
20 MILLION DOLLAR ON THE CLINICAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. WE NEVER
21 SAW THAT, EVER. WE STILL HAVE A 9.4 ON ER WAITING TIME. ON
22 ITEM 16, HAVING TO DO WITH THE SOLE VENDOR CONTRACT FOR THE
23 LESBIAN AND GAY CENTER, TO PROVIDE POST EXPOSURE TREATMENT ON
24 H.I.V., I THINK TO GIVE A SOLE- VENDOR CONTRACT IS, AGAIN, I'M
25 ALLERGIC TO THAT KIND OF SITUATION. AND ON THE AUDIT, ON THE



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1 COMMISSION OF HOSPITAL, I THINK IS TO EXTEND THE AUDIT REVIEW
2 IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. THEY HAVE MET VERY FEW TIMES. AND WHEN
3 THEY HAVE MET, THEY HAVE DONE VERY LITTLE. I TOTALLY OBJECT TO
4 THAT. I THINK THEY SHOULD BE EITHER DISMANTLED OR THEY SHOULD
5 MEET ON A REGULAR BASIS AND PROVE THAT THEY ARE EFFECTIVE.
6 THEY HAVE NOT. AND THE OTHER ITEM, I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER
7 BECAUSE I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE TIME TO TALK ABOUT IT. I DON'T
8 EVEN REMEMBER THE NUMBER. I THOUGHT WE WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO --
9 I TOTALLY OBJECT TO HAVE ALL THE ITEMS BE PUT TOGETHER. AND
10 THAT'S WHAT'S SO ABSURD. TOTALLY MAKING A FARCE OF THE BROWN
11 ACT TO GET ALL THOSE NUMBERS TOGETHER. AT THIS TIME I DON'T
12 EVEN REMEMBER WHICH NUMBER I'M SUPPOSED TO BE SPEAKING AT. I
13 WANTED TO SPEAK TO THAT ONE --

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DR. CLAVREUL. LET ME STOP FOR A
16 SECOND. STOP HER TIME. I DON'T WANT TO HURT HER TIME. WE'VE
17 BEEN OPERATING UNDER THIS PROCEDURE FOR A LONG TIME.

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19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THAT DON'T MAKE IT RIGHT.

20

21 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO YOU SHOULD HAVE-- AND YOU'VE
22 BEEN TESTIFYING HERE ALMOST AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN ON THE BOARD
23 OF SUPERVISORS, IF NOT LONGER. YOU KNOW WHAT THE RULES ARE.
24 AND IF YOU AREN'T PREPARED FOR THE NUMBERS, I'M SORRY, BUT YOU
25 HAD A LOT OF TIME TO GET ORGANIZED.



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DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL: I JUST REMEMBERED THE NUMBER I WANTED TO SPEAK TO, 20. HAVING TO DO WITH THAT NEW POSITION THAT THE C.E.O. IS CREATING AT THE TUNE OF 191,000 DOLLARS. A NEW POSITION IS CREATING TO ADVOCATE ANOTHER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR HIM. I MEAN MORE AND MORE DON'T MAKE IT ANY BETTER. I MEAN SINCE WE CREATED THAT NEW POSITION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THINGS GOT WORSE AND WORSE. SO I THINK THAT'S THE WORST MISTAKE WE MADE TO CREATE THAT POSITION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. IS ARNOLD SACHS HERE?

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ARNOLD SACHS: I'M RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU, SIR.

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ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: OH SORRY, OKAY YOU'RE HERE ON NUMBER 1, 8, 12, 58 AND 54-A.

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ARNOLD SACHS: COULD YOU GO OVER THOSE NUMBERS AGAIN ONE MORE TIME?

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ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: START HIS TIME.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** START MY TIME. 12, 28. LET'S START WITH NUMBER 1
2 WITH THE APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSIONERS. AND I WAS JUST
3 WONDERING ARE YOU USING THE SAME, I DON'T KNOW, WHEREWITHAL
4 THAT YOU DO ON THE COMMISSIONS THAT YOU SIT ON? LIKE, I DON'T
5 KNOW, THE COLISEUM COMMISSION AND THE WONDERFUL WORK THEY'VE
6 DONE THERE. SO ARE YOU HOLDING THESE COMMISSION APPOINTEES TO
7 THE SAME STANDARDS THAT YOU HOLD YOURSELVES TO AT THE COLISEUM
8 COMMISSION? OR LIKE, SAY, THE M.T.A. BOARD, WHERE YOU MODIFY
9 STATE LAW. I'M JUST CURIOUS. I HELD ITEM NUMBER 8 BECAUSE BACK
10 IN DECEMBER 20TH, YOU ALLOCATED FROM THE FIRST, SECOND AND
11 THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS OVER 1.791 MILLION DOLLARS IN
12 CITY'S EXCESS FUNDS. AND AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT IN COUNTY EXCESS
13 FUNDS FOR THE MUSIC CENTER, FOR A FITNESS TRAIL ON HAWTHORNE
14 AND SOMETHING ELSE, SOME OTHER CITY GOT 38,000 DOLLARS. SO I'M
15 WONDERING IF, A, ABOUT THE OTHER 78 CITIES IN THE
16 UNINCORPORATED, IN THE COUNTY OF L.A., HOW MUCH MONEY THEY GET
17 ALLOCATED IN EXCESS CITY FUNDS; B, EXCESS FUNDS FOR THE
18 UNINCORPORATED AREA. AND WHY YOU CAN'T ALLOCATE SOME MONEY FOR
19 THIS FOOTBALL COURT, FOOT SOFT COURT IN HAWTHORNE AND LENNOX
20 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THAT AREA IS OVERWHELMED WITH PARK AND
21 RECREATION FACILITIES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE WAS A STORY
22 ON THE NEWS ON THE TV LAST NIGHT ABOUT HOW THE STUDENT, THE
23 BOARD OF EDUCATION IS GOING TO START CHARGING THE LENNOX
24 LITTLE LEAGUE FEES FOR USING THE FIELDS. JUST BECAUSE I GUESS
25 THERE'S NO EXCESS FUNDS IN THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR



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1 THAT. AND I HELD ITEM, THE LAST ONE, 54-A. AGAIN, I WAS
2 WONDERING HERE PROVIDE-- AND THEY HAVE A SURPLUS OF FUNDING. I
3 WAS WONDERING IF YOU WERE GOING TO USE THE SAME BUDGET METHODS
4 YOU USED AT THE COUNTY HERE, LIKE WITH THE PROBATION
5 DEPARTMENT WHERE YOU LOST 90 MILLION DOLLARS, DIDN'T KNOW
6 WHERE THAT ENDED UP. AND AN AUDIT, OH, LIKE YOU DID AT THE
7 COLISEUM, WHERE THE PEOPLE IN CHARGE OF RUNNING THE COLISEUM,
8 DOING THE BUSINESS END, ARE MAKING MORE MONEY THAN THE ACTUAL
9 COLISEUM. BUT THAT'S BECAUSE NOBODY WENT TO THE MEETINGS. LIKE
10 THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON MANHATTAN BEACH FOR THE BOND THEY
11 PASSED FOR THE THE RENOVATIONS FOR THE SCHOOL. THEY HAD AN
12 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. AND THE ONE OVERSIGHT WAS THE COMMITTEE
13 NEVER MET. SO 51 MILLION DOLLARS WENT OUT THE WINDOW. BUT WHO
14 KNEW? THEY'RE JUST MINERS COMPARED TO WHAT YOU DO. AND
15 UNFORTUNATELY I'LL SAVE THE RULES FOR THE RULES.

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17 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP.

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR, FOR BEING SO EFFICIENT.

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21 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. NAHHAS, JON NAHHAS.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHAT A JOKE.

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1 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE ON ITEM 16, 52, 17 AND 46.
2 AND ITEM 12, AS WELL. YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT IS BEFORE THE BOARD.
3

4 **JON NAHHAS:** THERE IS NO AGENDA ITEM RIGHT NOW?
5

6 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, I KNOW. BUT WHAT'S BEFORE US
7 NOW IS THE AGENDA. YOU'VE BEEN ASKED TO-- YOU ASKED TO SPEAK
8 ON SEVERAL ITEMS.
9

10 **JON NAHHAS:** I HAVE.
11

12 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON
13 THOSE ITEMS. WE WILL TAKE THOSE ITEMS UP AFTER YOU SPEAK.
14

15 **JON NAHHAS:** OKAY. SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO INDIVIDUALLY LOOK AT
16 THESE ITEMS? YOU ARE GOING TO--
17

18 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.
19

20 **JON NAHHAS:** YOU ARE GOING TO CONSOLIDATE.
21

22 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING FOR A LONG
23 TIME. GO AHEAD, MR. NAHHAS.
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1 **JON NAHHAS:** MY NAME IS JOHN NAHHAS. I DO NOT COME DOWN HERE
2 EVERY MEETING. I DO NOT SPEAK ON EVERY ITEM. I FIND THAT WHAT
3 IS HAPPENING HERE IS A TRAGEDY IN MY OPEN GOVERNING PROCESS. I
4 SHOULD BE ABLE TO COME TO THIS BOARD MEETING IF I HAVE A
5 CONCERN ON SEVERAL DIFFERENT ITEMS AND BE ABLE TO SPEAK ON
6 THESE AGENDA ITEMS. YOU DO NOT HAVE A RIGHT TO TELL ME THAT I
7 CAN'T INDIVIDUALLY SPEAK ON ITEMS AND THEN CAN YOU TELL ME
8 DOWN TO TWO MINUTES. THAT IS AGAINST THE LAW. THE CONSTITUTION
9 READS, OUR CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION READS VERY CLEARLY
10 "MEETINGS OF PUBLIC BODIES SHALL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY."
11 AND IT'S CLEAR WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO HERE. YOU'RE TRYING TO
12 WEED OUT SCRUTINY. I UNDERSTAND IF WE'RE KOOKS. I UNDERSTAND
13 IF WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS JUST COMPLETELY OUTRAGEOUS,
14 UNNONSENSICAL. BUT IF I HAVE A LEGITIMATE CONCERN, I SHOULD BE
15 ABLE TO TALK TO THIS BOARD ABOUT IT. AND THERE SHOULD BE
16 SOMETHING UP ON THE MONITORS THAT TELL THE CITIZENS THAT ARE
17 WATCHING AT HOME WHAT I'M SPEAKING ABOUT. ITEM 12 IS
18 UNCONSTITUTIONAL. IT'S AGAINST THE BROWN ACT. AND IT DISALLOWS
19 PEOPLE FROM COMING DOWN AND GIVING YOU LEGITIMATE CONCERNS
20 ABOUT THINGS. IF, CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY, IF YOU WANT TO GET RID
21 OF KOOKS, FIND ANOTHER WAY, BUT DON'T LIMIT OUR RIGHTS. AND
22 NOW I NEED TO SPEAK ON THE OTHER ITEMS? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE
23 SAYING HERE? OKAY. THAT'S UNFORTUNATE. ITEM 16, FOR THE PEOPLE
24 THAT ARE WATCHING AT HOME, ITEM 16 IS ABOUT A COMMISSION, A
25 SUNSET REVIEW. I'VE ASKED SEVERAL TIMES TO UNLEASH WHAT IS



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1 GOING ON WITH THESE SUNSET REVIEWS. THIS IS A HOSPITAL
2 COMMISSION. A HOSPITAL COMMISSION, BUT ONE MUCH OUR HOSPITALS
3 WAS ACTUALLY CLOSED DOWN BECAUSE THE STATE INTERVENED AND SAID
4 THAT THERE WERE SO MANY ISSUES. A LADY DIED IN THE EMERGENCY
5 ROOM. AND THE SUNSET REVIEW OF THE FOUR HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS
6 HOSPITAL COMMISSION, THE SUNSET REVIEW SAID THAT ONE OF THEIR
7 TASKS WAS TO TOUR THE HOSPITAL. ONE OF THEIR TASKS WAS TO LOOK
8 AT A WEBSITE. REVIEW A WEBSITE. OUT OF FOUR TASKS IN FOUR
9 YEARS, THEY'RE LOOKING AT WEBSITE AND TOURING A HOSPITAL. AND
10 ONE OF THESE HOSPITALS WAS SHUT DOWN. FORTY-FIVE PERCENT
11 ATTENDANCE RATE. IF YOUR EMPLOYEES DECIDED TO ATTEND WORK HALF
12 THE TIME, WOULD YOU THINK THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS COULD BE DONE?
13 WHY IS THIS COMMISSION BEING ALLOWED TO CONTINUE ON IF THEY
14 ONLY HAVE COMMISSIONERS THAT ARE ONLY ATTENDING LESS THAN HALF
15 PERCENT OF THE TIME? WE NEED THE SUNSET REVIEW OPEN. WE NEED
16 SUNSHINE ORDINANCES IN THIS COUNTY BECAUSE YOU ARE HIDING
17 THINGS. OR WHAT I FIND ABOUT THIS 3 MILLION DOLLAR VESSEL THAT
18 THE SHERIFF, YEAH MY TIME IS UP. IT'S UNFORTUNATE. THIS IS
19 AGAIN A VIOLATION OF OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. WE SHOULD BE
20 ABLE TO SPEAK TO YOU. AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK ON THESE
21 ITEMS.

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23 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THE
2 FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: ITEM S-1 AND S-2, THEY ARE
3 BOTH A RECEIVE AND FILE. ITEM NUMBER 1-D, REFER THIS ITEM BACK
4 TO THE COMMISSION. ITEM NUMBER 2-H. ITEM NUMBER 1 WITH THE
5 EXCEPTION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROLYN WIDENER TO THE BOARD
6 OF RETIREMENTS AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD LIKE THAT
7 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. ITEM NUMBER 2, 8, 16, 17. ON ITEM
8 NUMBER 19 AND 20, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTES NO ON THOSE
9 ITEMS. ITEM NUMBER 28 AND 29 ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM NUMBER 30 IS
10 THE REQUEST IS TO REFER THIS ITEM BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 PARKS AND RECREATION. ITEM NUMBER 46, SUPERVISOR KNABE
12 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. ITEM NUMBER
13 52 WILL BE BEFORE YOU. ITEM NUMBER 53, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
14 VOTES NO. AND ITEM NUMBER 54-A, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
15 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. THOSE ITEMS ARE
16 BEFORE YOU.

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18 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I WON'T OBJECT TO A
19 CONTINUANCE FOR ONE WEEK ON 54-A. BUT ON THE OTHERS, KNABE
20 WILL MOVE. RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL SECOND. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
21 THE ITEM THAT MR. ANTONOVICH IS VOTING NO ON, UNANIMOUS VOTE.
22 AND ON THAT ONE?

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NINETEEN, TWENTY, AND FIFTY-THREE.
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1 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT THE ONE THAT ANTONOVICH IS
2 VOTING NO ON?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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6 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THOSE HE WILL BE RECORDED AS A NO
7 VOTE.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE STILL WILL TAKE UP ITEM 12 IN
12 SHORT ORDER. DON, ARE YOU DONE WITH YOUR ITEMS?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU MOVED ITEM 2, RIGHT?

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE I WITHDREW MY HOLD.

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20 **SUP YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH, ARE YOU HOLDING ANY
21 ITEMS? YOU HAD A MOTION YOU WANTED THE READ IN, I THINK.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE RESULT OF THE ACTION THAT WE HAD
24 INITIATED, THE STATE PASSED LEGISLATION TO HAVE THE FIVE-STAR
25 RATINGS ISSUE ISSUED BY THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE/MEDICAID



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1 SERVICES BE POSTED IN OUR CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS. THIS LAW
2 WENT INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1ST OF 2011, SO EVERY NURSING HOME
3 IN THE STATE WILL POST THEIR RATINGS AND PROVIDE ACCESS TO
4 VITAL NURSING HOME QUALITY PERFORMANCE. SO I'D LIKE TO DIRECT
5 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO REPORT BACK IN 14 DAYS ON THE
6 NUMBER OF FACILITIES THAT HAVE BEEN SURVEYED, COMPLIANCE OF
7 FINDINGS AND ACTIONS THAT WERE TAKEN FOR ANY INSTANCES OF
8 NONCOMPLIANCE, REQUEST THE CHIEF OF FIELD OPERATIONS FOR THE
9 STATE LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION DIVISIONS FOR AVAILABLE
10 COMPLIANCE DATA ON A STATEWIDE BASIS. JUST A REPORT BACK FOR
11 HOW THAT LAW HAS BEEN WORKING FOR THE PAST YEAR. REPORT BACK.

12

13 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** REPORT BACK. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN I WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT C.S.A.C. HAS
16 WITHDRAWN THEIR INITIATIVE THAT THEY WERE GOING TO PUT FORTH,
17 WHICH WAS TO INSURE, MY UNDERSTANDING, THERE WOULD BE NO TAX
18 INCREASE AND EXISTING STATE REVENUE SHOULD BE USED TO PAY FOR
19 THE STATE RE-ALIGNMENT PROGRAM. AND AS A RESULT, NOW WE HAVE
20 THE GOVERNOR WHO IS PROPOSING A TAX INCREASE TO MEET THOSE
21 OBLIGATIONS. WHAT'S INTERESTING IS USING DRACONIAN CUTS IN
22 PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY, WHICH USUALLY IS A SCARE
23 TACTIC TO CREATE SUPPORT FOR A STATE TAX INCREASE. AND THIS
24 COMES AT A TIME WHEN WE HAVE ONE OF THE HIGHEST SALES AND
25 INCOME TAXES IN THE NATION, CALIFORNIA IS SADDLED WITH A VERY



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1 HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND A LARGE EXODUS OF JOBS LEAVING OUR
2 STATE AND PEOPLE. SO IN MY OPINION, IT'S LIKE THE GOVERNOR,
3 INSTEAD OF TAKING THE FULL LEADERSHIP THAT OTHER GOVERNORS
4 REGARDLESS OF POLITICAL PARTY AND OTHER STATES ARE NOW DOING
5 IS PUTTING A NEW SADDLE ON A DEAD HORSE INSTEAD OF EXERCISING
6 THE LEADERSHIP AND HAVING A LEGISLATURE WORKING TO CONSOLIDATE
7 AND REDUCE THE SPENDING, INSTEAD OF HAVING A BUDGET THAT HAS A
8 HIGHER INCREASE IN SPENDING THAN THE PREVIOUS BUDGET, UNLIKE
9 THIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHERE OUR BUDGET WAS LESS
10 THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, WE HAVE HAD TO MAKE THESE NECESSARY
11 CUTS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES THAT THE GOVERNOR COULD DO
12 THAT HE HAS FAILED TO DO THAT WOULD SAVE THE NEED FOR A LOT OF
13 THESE PROPOSED TAX INCREASES. ONE, IF THEY CONSOLIDATE AT THE
14 FRANCHISE TAX BOARD AND THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, THAT WOULD
15 SAVE 100 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY. THEY WOULD CONSOLIDATE
16 MEDI-CAL, CALWORKS AND FOOD STAMPS. THAT WOULD SAVE 4 BILLION
17 DOLLARS, INCLUDING 1.5 BILLION DOLLARS IN STATE GENERAL FUNDS
18 FOR FIVE YEARS. THEY HAD THE BIENNIAL RENEWAL DRIVERS LICENSE.
19 THAT SAVES 1.1 MILLION. I SHOULD SAY 1.2 MILLION AND INTERNET
20 RENEWAL WOULD SAVE AN ADDITIONAL 1.1 MILLION. AND
21 CONSOLIDATING THE LICENSING CERTIFICATION FUNCTIONS FOR
22 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS IS NEARLY 100 MILLION DOLLARS. BUT
23 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AREAS WHERE THEY COULD HAVE SUBSTANTIAL
24 SAVINGS, BUT THE STATE IS REFUSING TO DO THAT. THIS COUNTY ON
25 A UNANIMOUS VOTE, WE WERE ABLE TO REFORM CIVIL SERVICE RULES



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1 AND REGULATIONS. OUR PENSION REFORM, MANY OF THE PENSION
2 REFORMS THAT WE, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND LACER HAS PUT
3 INTO ACTION, ARE WHAT THE GOVERNOR'S ATTEMPTING TO DO FOR THE
4 STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WHEREAS THE COUNTY HAS BEEN AHEAD OF THE
5 CURVE AND MOVING FORWARD IN THAT AREA. ON CIVIL SERVICE
6 REFORM, THE STATE, BECAUSE OF THEIR LACK OF CIVIL SERVICE
7 REFORM, ARE PAYING AT LEAST 30 SUSPENDED DOCTORS NEARLY 9
8 MILLION DOLLARS SINCE 2006. THIS ONE DOCTOR RADU MISCHUI IS A
9 PSYCHIATRIST ACCUSED OF FAILING TO KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS THAT
10 LED TO THE DEATH OF AN INMATE. HE HAS NOT TREATED PATIENTS
11 SINCE 2006, YET HE'S PAID NEARLY 268,000 DOLLARS TO BE A MAIL
12 SORTER IN THE MAIL ROOM. ANOTHER DOCTOR, JEFFREY ROFLING WAS
13 KEPT AWAY FROM PATIENTS FOR SIX YEARS AFTER A PATIENT DEATH
14 BUT WAS REHIRED IN 2009 WITH A 541,000 DOLLAR BACKPAY AND NOW
15 EARNS OVER A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. HIS JOB NOW IS TO
16 REVIEW FILES IN THE STORAGE ROOM. AND SO IT'S THESE TYPES OF
17 LACK OF STRUCTURAL REFORMS AND CONSOLIDATION, ELIMINATION OF
18 DUPLICATION OF INEFFICIENT SERVICES HAVE CREATED A SITUATION
19 WHERE THE GOVERNOR, INSTEAD OF HAVING THE STRUCTURAL REFORM,
20 IS ASKING ALL THE COUNTIES AND THE CITIES TO TAKE STATE
21 RESPONSIBILITIES WITHOUT FULL REIMBURSEMENT AND CONTINUING A
22 STATUS QUO OPERATION WHICH WILL ONLY END UP IN HIGHER DEFICITS
23 AND LESS JOBS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PEOPLE. SO THE COUNTY
24 HAS BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT IN ATTEMPTING TO WORK WITH OUR
25 EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATIONS, THROUGH OUR LABOR NEGOTIATION WITH OUR



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1 EMPLOYEES. WE'VE HAD NO COST OF LIVING FOR THE PAST THREE
2 YEARS, UNLIKE WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE STATE WITH ADDITIONAL
3 INCREASES THAT THEY HAVE HAD. SO IT'S A CONCERN THAT WE HAVE
4 WITH A PROPOSAL THAT IS NOT GOING TO GIVE US FULL FUNDING FOR
5 MANDATES THAT THEY ARE GIVING US. AND IT'S A FUTURE PROBLEM
6 THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FACE IN OUR 2012-2013 BUDGET THAT
7 WE'LL BE TAKING UP IN A FEW SHORT MONTHS. THOSE ARE ALL THE
8 ISSUES I HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

9

10 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALSO HOLDING ITEM 37.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIRTY-SEVEN? WHAT I WANT TO DO ON 37 IS TO
13 THE TOWN COUNCIL IN LA CRESCENTA HAD NOT SEEN THIS ISSUE, SO
14 I'D LIKE TO REMOVE THE PART DEALING WITH LA CRESCENTA AND
15 APPROVE THE REMAINING, APPROVE THE PART FOR LA CRESCENTA FOR
16 NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA. SO CONTINUE LA CRESCENTA, FIFTH DISTRICT
17 ROSEMONT AVENUE, AND APPROVE THE OTHER ITEMS WITH THE ROSEMONT
18 AVENUE COMING BACK NEXT WEEK FOR APPROVAL.

19

20 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION THAT WILL
21 BE THE ORDER. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ARE YOU HOLDING ANYTHING? NO.
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ARE YOU HOLDING ANYTHING AT THIS
23 POINT? ALL RIGHT. I WANT TO TAKE UP ITEM 12. BUT BEFORE WE GET
24 INTO IT, LET ME MAKE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS. I'M VERY AWARE THAT
25 THERE'S A LOT OF CONSTERNATION ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL THAT'S BEEN



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1 MADE. AND I THINK IT'S BEEN TO SAY IT'S BEEN OVERBLOWN IS TO
2 MAKE AN UNDERSTATEMENT OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS. BUT I'M NOT GOING
3 TO. I THINK THE BEST WISDOM I CAN OFFER HERE IS THAT WE NOT
4 ACT ON THIS TODAY, THAT WE REFER THIS MOTION BACK TO THE
5 COUNTY COUNSEL SO THAT YOU CAN MAKE COMMENTS ON ALL OF THE
6 COMMENTS, YOU CAN RESPOND TO ALL OF THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE
7 BEEN MADE AND WE HAVE RECEIVED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF
8 WRITTEN TESTIMONY, WRITTEN COMMENT FROM A NUMBER OF
9 STAKEHOLDER GROUPS WHOM I RESPECT AND WE ALL RESPECT. AND I
10 THINK WE NEED TO CLEAR THE AIR AND MAYBE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS
11 CLEAR THE AIR FOR THEM. AND MAYBE THEY NEED TO CLEAR SOME OF
12 THE AIR FOR US TO BE SURE THAT WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME PAGE
13 GOING FORWARD. I DON'T THINK IT SERVES ANY USEFUL PURPOSE FOR
14 US TO JAM SOMETHING THROUGH THAT A SIGNIFICANT BODY OF
15 COMMUNITY LEADERS FEEL IS NOT CONSTITUTIONAL OR IS NOT IN
16 KEEPING WITH THE BROWN ACT. I THINK WE BELIEVE AND CERTAINLY
17 THE OPINION AND THE ADVICE THAT WE'VE RECEIVED FROM THE COUNTY
18 COUNSEL IS THAT IT IS. THIS IS A MUCH MORE- I DON'T KNOW ABOUT
19 MUCH MORE, BUT IT'S A MORE LIBERAL POLICY THAN THE CITY OF LOS
20 ANGELES HOLDS AS FAR AS THEIR PUBLIC COMMENT IS CONCERNED.
21 THEY ACTUALLY PUT A CAP ON THE CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF MINUTES
22 THAT THE ENTIRE PUBLIC CAN TESTIFY ON PUBLIC COMMENT ON
23 NONAGENDA ITEMS TO 15 MINUTES CUMULATIVE FOR EVERYBODY. THEY
24 ALSO HAVE A SYSTEM WHERE, AS WE HAVE HAD FOR A NUMBER OF
25 YEARS, WHERE WE HAVE ASKED PEOPLE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR



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1 TESTIMONY. BECAUSE MOST PEOPLE COME HERE ON ONE ITEM. MOST
2 PEOPLE WHO TESTIFY HERE AND ARE NOT REGULARS COME HERE TO
3 TESTIFY ON ONE ITEM. IT'S AN ITEM IN THEIR COMMUNITY. IT'S AN
4 ITEM OF MAJOR POLICY REAPPORTIONMENT CERTAINLY WAS AN EXAMPLE
5 OF THAT. MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO CAME HERE NEVER TESTIFIED HERE
6 BEFORE. AND THEY COME HERE TO TESTIFY ON ONE ITEM. SOME PEOPLE
7 COME HERE AND SIGN UP FOR 25 OR 30 ITEMS. AND IT'S THE SAME
8 TWO PEOPLE EVERY WEEK. AND THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HEARD, BUT
9 THE BROWN ACT ALSO GIVES A LEGISLATIVE BODY, LIKE OURS, THE
10 RIGHT TO MANAGE OUR TIME. AND IF EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHO
11 WANTED TO BE HEARD ON EVERY SINGLE ITEM WAS GIVEN THREE
12 MINUTES ON EVERY SINGLE ITEM, WE WOULD BE TO 5, 6 O'CLOCK IN
13 THE AFTERNOON OR EVENING BEFORE WE GOT TO OUR BUSINESS. AND AS
14 IT IS, IT IS DIFFICULT. SO THE PROPOSAL THAT WAS MADE WAS MADE
15 LARGELY BY THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE
16 COUNTY COUNSEL TO CODIFY WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING FOR A LONG
17 TIME, WHICH I THOUGHT WOULD BE A GOOD THING TO DO. BUT IT'S
18 CREATED ALL THIS ANGST AMONG SOME THAT I THINK WE NEED TO
19 CLARIFY FOR THEM AND HAVE THEM MAKE THEIR CASES TO US. AND
20 SOME OF THE LETTERS THAT I'VE READ, I WANT SOME ANSWERS TO. I
21 WANT TO BE SURE, I THINK WE ALL WANT TO BE SURE WHAT'S GOING
22 ON. THAT WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED IS AS WE UNDERSTOOD IT. SO I'M
23 GOING TO RECOMMEND, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THAT WE REFER THIS
24 TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND HAVE HER COME BACK AT THE
25 APPROPRIATE TIME WITH A REPORT. AND WE DO HAVE PEOPLE WHO WISH



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1 TO BE HEARD ON THIS. AND WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THEM THE
2 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. THOSE WHO CAME HERE JUST ON THIS
3 ITEM, AND THEY WILL EACH HAVE THREE MINUTES TO BE HEARD.
4 THAT'S DANIEL GOTTLIEB, I'LL CALL FOUR AT A TIME. DANIEL
5 GOTTLIEB, GEORGE BUZZETTI, HENRY CHRISTOPHER MAGANA, AND JOYCE
6 DILLARD. I CAN'T READ THE PEN MANSHIP HERE, BUT OKAY. SHE
7 KNOWS WHO SHE IS. AND THEN AFTER THAT, IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
8 LYNNEE PLAMBECK AND GEORGE RHEAULT. SO IF YOU CAN BE NEARBY
9 YOU EACH HAVE THREE MINUTES. MR. GOTTLIEB? PROFESSOR GOTTLIEB,
10 YOU GO FIRST.

11

12 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** OKAY. MY NAME IS DANIEL GOTTLIEB. I'M A
13 PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF MATHEMATICS. AND I'M ALSO A RESIDENT
14 FROM DISTRICT 3. I'M PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT SECTION 37 IN
15 WHICH ONE-- ONE WAY TO RUIN PEOPLE IS TRYING TO ARGUE IS TO
16 HAVE VERY COMPLICATED AGENDAS. AND I HAVE AN EXAMPLE OF THAT
17 FROM APRIL 24TH THIS YEAR WHEN WE HAD SIX ITEMS, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
18 AND 10 ON APRIL 26TH, 2011, INVOLVING MARINA DEL REY. AND 5
19 AND 6 WERE LINKED TOGETHER. AND 7, 8 AND 9 AND 10 WERE LINKED
20 TOGETHER. AND IT GAVE GREAT CONFUSION TO US AS WE HAD TO
21 STRUGGLE WITH IT. IN EARLIER ITERATIONS IN THE REGIONAL
22 PLANNING, 5 AND 6 WERE SEPARATED. IN THE E.I.R. THEY WERE
23 TOGETHER. BUT THEY WERE SEPARATED IN THE REGIONAL PLANNING
24 COMMISSION. AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION WOULDN'T LET
25 YOU TALK FROM ONE ITEM OVER INTO THE OTHER, WHICH MEANT THAT I



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1 HAD TO SPEND- SINCE I WANTED TO COMPARE THESE TWO, THESE WERE
2 WERE ACTUALLY IN THE E.I.R. WERE INEXTRICABLE, SO YOU HAD TO
3 MENTION ONE OR THE OTHER. THERE'S REALLY A VERY INTERESTING
4 PIECE OF INFORMATION HERE. NOT ONLY IS THE PUBLIC CONFUSED,
5 BUT YOU YOURSELF ARE CONFUSED BY THIS. AND I HAVE A LITTLE
6 STRETCH FROM THE APRIL 26, 2011 ON PAGE 109. I HAVE A
7 SUPERVISOR MAKING TWO MOTIONS. AND IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO
8 UNDERSTAND HOW HE MAKES TWO MOTIONS. I'M AN EXPERT IN MATH. I
9 KNOW WHAT TWO MEANS. HE ONLY MADE, AS FAR AS I COULD SEE, ONE
10 MOTION. AND IT HE WAS EITHER THOROUGHLY CONFUSED, THAT'S THE
11 BEST INTERPRETATION, OR HE WAS TRYING TO HIDE SOMETHING OR
12 WHOEVER GAVE HIM THIS MOTION TO MAKE WAS TRYING TO CONFUSE.
13 AND IN PARTICULAR, ITEM NUMBER 10, ALTHOUGH IT LOOKED LIKE TWO
14 MOTIONS WERE GOING TO REFER TO ITEM 7, 8 AND 9 AND THE SECOND
15 ONE TO ITEM NUMBER 10, ITEM NUMBER 10 WAS NEVER MENTIONED. SO
16 APPARENTLY THERE WAS NO VOTE ON ITEM NUMBER 10, WHICH WAS VERY
17 CONFUSING TO THE PEOPLE. SO I HAVE THE SNIP OF THE DATA IF YOU
18 WANT TO SEE IT.

19

20 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PROFESSOR GOTTLIEB, I APPRECIATE
21 YOU BRINGING UP THAT ITEM, BECAUSE HAD WE GONE FORWARD TODAY,
22 I WOULD HAVE CLARIFIED THIS. BUT LET ME CLARIFY IT, ANYWAY. IT
23 WAS OUR INTENT, AND AS THE MAKER OF THE MOTION, IT WAS MY
24 INTENT THAT ON ISSUES RELATING TO PLANNING ITEMS, THAT COME ON
25 THE PLANNING AGENDA, WHICH I THINK IS WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING



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1 TO, IT IS NOT ON A CONSENT CALENDAR, THOSE ARE INDIVIDUAL
2 ITEMS THAT ARE HEARD INDIVIDUALLY, THEY ARE QUASI AND
3 OFTENTIMES THEY ARE QUASI JUDICIAL HEARINGS WE ARE REQUIRED TO
4 HEAR. AND WE WOULD HEAR FROM ANYBODY WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD ON
5 EACH OF THOSE PLANNING ITEMS INDIVIDUALLY. IT'S THE OTHER
6 ITEMS, IT'S OUR CONSENT CALENDARS, THE NORMAL AGENDA, NOT THE
7 PLANNING AGENDA, OR PLANNING ITEMS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO MANAGE
8 THE TIME. WE'RE WELL AWARE THAT ON- WE'RE WELL AWARE THAT WHEN
9 PEOPLE COME DOWN HERE ON A SUBDIVISION OR A ZONING MATTER OR
10 ON A MARINA DEL REY LEASE ISSUE, WHATEVER IT IS, THAT THEY'RE
11 HERE ON THAT ITEM AND THAT ITEM ALONE. SOMETIMES THERE ARE TWO
12 ITEMS THAT ARE INTERCONNECTED, AS YOU SAID. AND PEOPLE
13 USUALLY, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL ON THEIR OWN WANT TO SPEAK
14 ABOUT BOTH OF THEM TOGETHER AND WE GIVE THEM THAT OPPORTUNITY
15 TO DO SO. SO THERE IS NO EFFORT TO CONFUSE OR TO LIMIT ON THE
16 CONTRARY, IN THE CASE OF PLANNING ITEMS, EACH ITEM WILL BE
17 CONSIDERED AS THEY ALWAYS HAVE BEEN ON INDIVIDUAL MATTERS AND
18 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN BE HEARD ON THAT.

19
20 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** LET ME MAKE ONE NOTE. I ALSO SIGNED UP FOR
21 PUBLIC COMMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE ELIMINATED ME FOR TWO. FOR
22 SOME REASON I WASN'T CALLED UP.

23
24 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVEN'T HAD PUBLIC COMMENT YET.



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1 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** WHAT DID WE JUST HEAR?

2

3 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT WE HAVE JUST HEARD THESE ARE
4 THE REGULARS, SOME OF THE REGULARS WHO EVERY WEEK SIGN UP FOR
5 MULTIPLE ITEMS. AND WE ASK THEM TO COME UP AND SPEAK TO ALL OF
6 THEIR ITEMS IN ONE THREE-MINUTE PERIOD. AND THAT'S WHAT THAT
7 WAS. THEN AFTER THEY WERE FINISHED WITH THEIR PUBLIC TESTIMONY
8 AND ANYBODY ELSE WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC ON
9 THOSE ITEMS THAT WERE BEFORE US, WE THEN VOTED ON THOSE ITEMS.
10 NOW WE ARE ON ITEM 12, BECAUSE THERE WERE OTHER INDIVIDUALS,
11 YOURSELF INCLUDED, WHO DIDN'T SPEAK ON ANY OTHER ITEMS. YOU
12 SIGNED UP ONLY TO SPEAK ON NUMBER 12. YOU GOT A FULL THREE
13 MINUTES TO SPEAK ON NUMBER 12.

14

15 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** I SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT.

16

17 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND YOU WILL GET THAT OPPORTUNITY
18 WHEN WE GET TO PUBLIC COMMENT. THE LAST ITEM ON OUR AGENDA IS
19 PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT YOUR TIME IS NOW UP. IT WAS UP BEFORE I
20 STARTED SPEAKING. SO IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN WRITING,
21 PROFESSOR, THAT YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE US, WE'LL BE HAPPY TO TAKE
22 IT AND MAKE IT PART OF THE FILE. ALL RIGHT. LET ME-- NEXT IS
23 GEORGE BUZZETTI?

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1 **GEORGE BUZZETTI:** GEORGE BUZZETTI, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF POLICY
2 FOR THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY OF CALIFORNIA. DEAR
3 SUPERVISORS, THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS CONCERNING PUBLIC
4 SPEAKING PROPOSED TODAY ARE ILLEGAL. ACCORDING TO THE BROWN
5 ACT, CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE
6 CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL FIFTH APPELLATE DISTRICT CASE
7 GALBUSO VERSUS EROSI PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT AND MANY OTHER
8 APPEALS CASES, I HAVE PAGES OF THESE CASES. THE RIGHTS OF FREE
9 SPEECH ARE INGRAINED IN THE U.S. CONSTITUTION. THIS IS
10 CRITICAL TO A DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC. THE RIGHT TO PETITION THE
11 GOVERNMENT IS OUR RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN. AS A
12 CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, WE WILL DEFEND THESE RIGHTS. PLEASE
13 DO NOT PASS LAWS WHICH GO AGAINST STATE LAW AND APPEALS
14 DECISIONS. COUNTY RULES DO NOT OVERTURN STATE LAW. I'VE BEEN
15 FIGHTING FRAUD FOR OVER 20 YEARS NATIONWIDE, AND I LOOK
16 INTERNATIONALLY. YOU GUYS ARE JUST A PART OF A NATIONWIDE PLAN
17 TO TAKE AWAY THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO HAVE A REAL DISCUSSION ON
18 ISSUES BEFORE THEM. YOU DON'T HAVE A TIME SHORTAGE HERE. I
19 JUST WATCHED AN HOUR AND A HALF TO TWO HOURS GO AWAY ON
20 BUSINESS THAT WAS NOT REALLY SERIOUS COUNTY BUSINESS. NOW,
21 YOU'RE TELLING ME FINE PEOPLE HERE, WHO HAVE THE WHEREWITHAL
22 TO COME DOWN AND SPEND THEIR TIME AND SPEND THE MONEY TO COME
23 HERE, THAT THEY DON'T DESERVE TO SPEAK TO YOU. YOU ARE PUBLIC
24 SERVANTS. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO WORK FOR US. YOU SEE WHAT'S
25 ENGRAVED ON THESE WALLS HERE? JUST BRING THE GUYS IN WITH THE



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1 SLEDGE HAMMERS AND BREAK IT OFF. LIKE THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS
2 DID WHEN THEY WANTED EVERYTHING TO BE FORGOTTEN. THEY GO IN
3 WITH THE HAMMERS AND THEY KNOCK THE GUY'S NAME OFF. THEY'D
4 KNOCK OFF WHOEVER IT WAS. IT SAYS "OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE
5 AND FOR THE PEOPLE" NOT FOR ADMINISTRATORS. YOU GUYS NEED TO
6 GET STRAIGHT WHO YOU REALLY ARE HERE. I FIND IT AMAZING THAT
7 THERE AREN'T MORE HERE, NO PRESS FOR AN ISSUE OF FREEDOM OF
8 SPEECH. WHAT IS THIS COUNTRY SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT? WHY ARE YOU
9 OUT TO DESTROY THAT? YOU GUYS AREN'T THAT BUSY HERE. LOOK AT
10 THIS HALL. THERE'S NOBODY HERE. AND YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
11 YOU'RE SO BUSY? I MEAN, THIS IS AN OXYMORON. THIS IS ORWELLIAN
12 SPEECH. THIS ISN'T TRUTH. WE NEED SOME TRUTH IN OUR
13 GOVERNMENT. WE DON'T HAVE ANY. HAVE YOU GUYS NOTICED AROUND
14 THE WORLD HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE SICK AND TIRED OF THIS? AND I'M
15 OUT EARLY. HOW ABOUT THAT? BECAUSE I'M A PRO.

16

17 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT IS HENRY
18 CHRISTOPHER MAGANA?

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20 **HENRY MAGANA:** MAGANA FROM THE FIFTH.

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22 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

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24 **HENRY MAGANA:** I DON'T WANT TO TAKE UP THE TIME RAISING ISSUES
25 ABOUT LAWS. THAT'S NOT THE POINT HERE. THERE'S AN UNDERLYING



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1 ISSUE THAT IS MUCH MORE SEVERE THAT SHOULD GRIEVE EVERY SINGLE
2 AMERICAN CITIZEN. AND THAT IS THE GRIM REALITY THAT THERE ARE
3 ACTUALLY PEOPLE STILL THAT PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE WISDOM AND
4 REVELATION TO LEADERS OF ALL TYPES AROUND THE WORLD. BELIEVE
5 IT OR NOT, IT STILL HAPPENS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE CANNOT CHOOSE
6 WHEN GOD HIMSELF WILL SEND FORTH THE DELIVERER OF GOOD NEWS.
7 WHEN WE LEAST EXPECT IT, HE OR SHE COULD COME IN ANY SHAPE,
8 FORM OR FASHION. IT COULD BE A TRANSIENT LIVING UNDER A
9 FREEWAY, SOMEONE WHO SPENT 30 YEARS IN A PRISON CELL AND THEY
10 COME DOWN HERE, AFTER OVERCOMING SEVERAL OBSTACLES LIKE THREE
11 BUSES THAT I TAKE, NOT BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE TRANSPORTATION. I
12 OWN THREE CARS THAT ARE PAID FOR. BUT I CHOOSE TO DO SO TO SEE
13 HOW THE REAL PEOPLE LIVE AND DEAL WITH ISSUES. AND TO COME
14 HERE AND HAVE MY TIME AS HAS IN THE PAST TAKEN DOWN TO ONE
15 MINUTE, IT'S NOT THE FACT THAT MY WORDS ARE IMPORTANT, BUT
16 IT'S A SIMPLE SLAP IN THE FACE. BUT THE IMPORTANT ISSUE IS
17 HERE THAT ONE DAY WHEN A DELIVERER WHO COMES HERE WITH GOOD
18 NEWS, HE MIGHT OR SHE MAY BE STOPPED ON THE TECHNICALITY OF
19 THEIR TIME BEING SHORTENED. AND THAT COULD CAUSE SEVERE
20 CONSEQUENCES TO ANYBODY OF LEADERSHIP, WHETHER CIVIC OR
21 CORPORATE. IN OUR CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THIS COUNTRY, WE
22 CANNOT AFFORD TO CLOSE THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN TO ANY TYPE OF
23 DELIVERER OF GOOD NEWS THAT COULD BE A FINANCIAL BLESSING. IT
24 COULD COME IN ANY SHAPE, FORM OR FASHION THAT WE GREATLY NEED.
25 I THINK THE EVIDENCE IN THIS COUNTRY IS OVERWHELMINGLY SHOWS



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1 THAT THERE'S A LACK OF IT AND A TREMENDOUS NEED FOR IT. I'D
2 LIKE TO SHARE WITH THOSE WHO MAY THINK THAT THEY OFFER WORDS
3 OF WISDOM THAT GOD HIMSELF SAID THAT "A PROPHET IS NEVER
4 WELCOME IN HIS OWN TOWN AND A WISE MAN SEEKETH THE COUNSEL OF
5 MANY." THAT IS NOT JUST LEGAL COUNSEL. COUNSEL IN GENERAL.
6 ALSO, I WOULD HATE TO SEE THIS COUNTRY, ITS LEADERSHIP ALL
7 ACROSS AMERICA, FOR US TO PUSH GOD'S HAND AND THAT HIS WORDS
8 WILL BE FULFILLED WHERE HE SAYS THAT HE WILL "DESTROY THE
9 WISDOM OF THOSE PROCLAIMING TO BE WISE AND FRUSTRATE THE
10 INTELLIGENCE OF THOSE WHO ARE INTELLIGENT." LET THOSE WHO HAVE
11 WORDS HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD HAS SAID TODAY. THANK
12 YOU.

13

14 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GEORGE DILLARD, I'D LIKE
15 TO ASK LYNNEE PLAMBECK, GEORGE RHEULT, AND DAVID SERRANO TO
16 COME FORWARD.

17

18 **JOYCE DILLARD:** THANK YOU. YOU TOOK AN OATH WHEN YOU BECAME
19 OFFICERS. YOU'RE ALSO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICIALS WITH
20 QUITE A BIT RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THAT DEFINITION. I'M
21 CONCERNED ABOUT THE HIDDEN GOVERNMENT THE COUNTY HAS AND THE
22 OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO SPEAK. I RECENTLY, BECAUSE OF-- I
23 LIVE IN THE CITY OF L.A. AND FOLLOW A BOND THAT THEY HAVE, BUT
24 I DISCOVERED, THROUGH QUESTIONING SOME OF THE STAFF REPORTS
25 THAT THERE WAS A REPORT ISSUED OR A GUIDELINE OF RAIN



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1 HARVESTING ISSUES FROM THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THAT
2 LOOKS INNOCENT, LOOKS LIKE CISTERNS. IT'S ACTUALLY THE OPEN
3 DOOR FOR WATER QUALITY FOR HUGE UNDERGROUND TANKS. WHY DO I
4 SAY THIS? BECAUSE YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY OF PUBLIC HEALTH
5 AND SAFETY ISSUES FOR A DEEP N.P.D.S. NATIONAL POLLUTANT
6 DISCHARGE PERMIT WHICH YOU HAVE LIABILITY ON PER A COURT CASE.
7 SO THESE ARE ASPECTS THAT GROW. AND TWO MINUTES SPEAKING ISN'T
8 ENOUGH TIME TO ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH
9 AND SAFETY ISSUES THAT ARE VERY IMPORTANT NOT JUST FOR THE
10 UNINCORPORATED COUNTIES BUT ALL COUNTIES. FOR THE L.A. COUNTY
11 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, WHICH YOU ARE THE GOVERNING BOARD,
12 THERE IS PLANNED PARCEL TAX, WHICH WILL EITHER BE ON THE
13 BALLOT OR BY PARCEL OWNER. AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING PARCEL
14 OWNER. MOST GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OWN THE MAJORITY OF PARCELS.
15 SO THEY WILL HAVE MORE WEIGHT THAN THE PUBLIC. AGAIN IT'S
16 DIMINISHED. AND THE WATER AUTHORITY BOARD WILL BE AGENCY
17 PEOPLE WHO WE DON'T ELECT. YOU'RE THE ELECTED ONE. SO IT'S
18 JUST NOT THE REGULARS THAT COME HERE, IT'S THE CITIZENS. IT'S
19 WHAT WE EXPECT FROM YOU REPRESENTING US AND OUR OPPORTUNITY TO
20 ADDRESS IT AND IT'S VERY COMPLEX. I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED TO
21 HEAR HAPPY BIRTHDAYS TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER SOME REAL ISSUES.
22 YOU AS A BOARD NEED TO GET A HANDLE ON SOME OF THESE LARGER
23 ISSUES, LIKE WATER. WHY? SEA LEVEL RISE, WHICH INVOLVES
24 MILITARY DEFENSE AND NATIONAL SECURITY THESE ARE THINGS NOT ON
25 AN AGENDA. BUT IN A ONE OR TWO MINUTE ASPECT, YOU'LL NEVER



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1 ADDRESS IT. WHY SHOULD ONE WAIT ALL THESE HOURS TO THE END OF
2 THE MEETING WHEN IT'S ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS AND EVERYTHING ELSE
3 MORE IMPORTANT THAT WILL KEEP THE SAFETY OF THE COUNTRY. WE'RE
4 THE GATEWAY TO THE WEST COAST. YOU'RE THE LARGEST COUNTY. AND
5 YET WE'RE WATCHING NEW HAMPSHIRE GET ALL THE ATTENTION. YOU
6 NEED TO READDRESS THE PRIORITIES OF THE POSITION OF L.A.
7 COUNTY TO THE WEST COAST AS A GATEWAY TO THE UNITED STATES OF
8 AMERICA AND ASIA PACIFIC. BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT
9 AS WE ELECT YOU TO REPRESENT US. AND WE'RE NOT GETTING IT. SO
10 THIS MOTION NEEDS TO BE RECONSIDERED IN A MUCH LARGER WAY.
11 MORE THAN THREE MINUTES. MORE THAN TWO MINUTES. WILL YOU
12 FULFILL YOUR DUTIES AS ELECTED OFFICIALS OF PUBLIC AND SAFETY
13 OFFICERS?

14

15 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. LYNNEE PLAMBECK?

16

17 **LYNNEE PLAMBECK:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. I THINK
18 ONE OF THE REASONS THERE IS SUCH A FIRESTORM OVER THIS AGENDA
19 ITEM IS THAT MANY OF US WHO HAVE COME DOWN TO THE BOARD FOR
20 MANY YEARS HAVE FELT DISRESPECTED WHEN WE COME HERE. PEOPLE,
21 YOU KNOW, IT'S A LONG TRIP FOR US. IT'S THREE HOURS WHETHER WE
22 TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OR CAR POOL. IT'S A COMMITMENT OF
23 TIME. PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN TIME OFF OF WORK. AND YET BOARD
24 MEMBERS ARE OFTEN READING THEIR COMPUTERS OR TALKING ON CELL
25 PHONES, WALKING AROUND, NOT LISTENING AT ALL. AND THEN



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1 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ISSUES LIKE NEWHALL RANCH, 21,000 UNITS,
2 LAST FREE-FLOWING RIVER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PEOPLE CAME
3 DOWN HERE WITH PREPARED STATEMENTS FOR THREE MINUTES, EVEN
4 THOUGH THERE WERE ONLY 20 SPEAKERS, THEY WERE TOLD THEY COULD
5 ONLY SPEAK TWO, SO THEY WERE FRANTICALLY REWRITING EVERYTHING
6 THEY HAD TO SAY. AND WHEN WE COME DOWN, WE TRY TO DIVIDE UP
7 THE ISSUES BECAUSE WE ARE COMPETING WITH A WELL-HEELED
8 APPLICANT THAT HAS TONS OF MONEY TO COME IN AND LOBBY YOU
9 BEFOREHAND. WE HAD ASKED FOR MEETINGS BEFOREHAND. SOME OF THE
10 SUPERVISORS GRANTED US THOSE MEETINGS, OTHERS DIDN'T. YOU
11 KNOW, THIS IS OUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO YOU. AND SO THIS
12 IDEA THAT YOU'RE GOING TO LIMIT SPEAKING TIME ON SOME SORT OF
13 ARBITRARY BASIS THAT REALLY ISN'T VERY WELL EXPLAINED IS VERY
14 CONCERNING TO US. AND THEN MULTIPLE AGENDA ITEMS. WHEN WE COME
15 DOWN, WE NORMALLY SPEAK ON MORE THAN ONE AGENDA ITEM. I'M
16 SIGNED UP TODAY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT BECAUSE IT'S THREE HOURS.
17 I'VE TAKEN A DAY OFF OF WORK TO COME AND SPEAK TO YOU. IF
18 THERE'S ANOTHER ITEM ON THE AGENDA, I WANT TO TAKE THE
19 OPPORTUNITY OF MAKING MY VOICE HEARD. AND NOW I WANT TO SAY
20 SOMETHING THAT'S PROBABLY GOING TO UPSET YOU, BUT YOU KNOW,
21 I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE AND LISTENED TO YOUR REGULARS. AND MANY OF
22 THEM HAVE BROUGHT VERY GOOD ISSUES TO YOU. NONE OF US OR MANY
23 OF US OR I READ YOUR AGENDAS REGULARLY BUT I DON'T COMMENT ON
24 THINGS THAT ARE SORT OF OUTSIDE MY AREA, LIKE PUBLIC HEALTH OR
25 WHATNOT. AND I THINK THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER THAT SAID THE



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1 MESSENGER OF GOD, HE USED RELIGIOUS TERMS, BUT MAY COME IN
2 MANY FORMS. AND AS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST THAT HAS TO WORK WITH
3 VOLUNTEERS I KNOW THIS TO BE THE CASE. THERE ARE VERY GROUCHY
4 PEOPLE THAT SAY THINGS THAT I THINK TO MYSELF, OH MY GOD, I
5 WISH THEY HAD FOUND AN EASIER WAY TO SAY IT, BUT I HEAR IT.
6 AND IT WAS REALLY A GOOD SUGGESTION. SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO
7 CLOSE BECAUSE I SEE I'M GETTING TOWARD THE END OF THE TIME
8 WITH A SUGGESTION OF HAVING MORE THAN HAVING THE ATTORNEY LOOK
9 TO SEE IF THIS IS LEGAL, BUT MAYBE AS OUR LETTER SUGGESTED,
10 FORM A CITIZENS COMMITTEE THAT COULD GIVE YOU SOME INPUT AS TO
11 MAYBE HOW TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE STILL A PART
12 OF THIS COUNTY GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY COME DOWN TO SPEAK TO YOU.
13 AND THAT ALSO MAYBE THERE'S SOME WAY TO MEET WITH REGULARS AND
14 SEE IF THEY COULD CONSOLIDATE OR MAYBE GET ONE OF THEM TO
15 SPEAK ON ALL THE ISSUES FOR THE OTHERS SO THAT IT WOULD BE I
16 UNDERSTAND YOUR TIME ISSUES. BUT I JUST THINK THERE'S A WAY OF
17 SOLVING THIS WITHOUT HURTING DEMOCRACY FOR THE REST OF US.

18

19 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NOBODY'S GOING TO HURT DEMOCRACY
20 AROUND HERE. WELL MAYBE THERE'S AN EXCEPTION, I DON'T KNOW.
21 BUT NOBODY'S GOING TO HURT DEMOCRACY AROUND HERE. AND BY THE
22 WAY, THE PROPOSED RULES DIFFERENTIATED BETWEEN PUBLIC COMMENT
23 ON AGENDA ITEMS AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS. PEOPLE
24 WOULD BE PERMITTED TO SPEAK TO BOTH THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
25 SEPARATELY THEY WERE ENTITLED TO THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR



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1 NONAGENDA ITEMS. SO IT WASN'T THAT YOU WERE GOING TO BE ROPED
2 INTO THAT ALL OF YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT WAS GOING TO BE CONFINED
3 TO ONE SITTING. GEORGE RHEAULT. IS THAT YOU? IS THAT CORRECT
4 PRONUNCIATION?

5

6 **GEORGE RHEAULT:** PRONOUNCED LIKE ROW, R-O-W.

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8 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE YOUR LAST
9 NAME?

10

11 **GEORGE RHEAULT:** ROW. ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT. A LOT OF
12 EXTRANEIOUS VOWELS. WELL, THANK YOU FOR LISTENING ATTENTIVELY
13 TO ME THIS AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. LIFE IS SHORT, SO
14 I APPRECIATE THAT FROM TIME TO TIME THE SUPERVISORS HAVE TO
15 LOOK AT THEIR PROCEDURES FOR RUNNING EFFICIENT AND SMOOTH-
16 FUNCTIONING MEETINGS. BUT THIS PROPOSAL IS A MISTAKE. IT IS,
17 IN THIS AGE OF THE OCCUPY MOVEMENT AND CITIZENS UNITED AND ALL
18 KINDS OF OTHER CYNICAL THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON IN OUR
19 COUNTRY THAT CITIZENS HAVE BASICALLY GIVEN UP ON ANY
20 GOVERNMENT, ANY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT WORKING FOR THEM, THIS IS
21 THE WRONG STEP. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY THE WRONG STEP. BECAUSE IN
22 MANY RESPECTS, THE FIVE OF YOU TREAT THIS BODY AND THESE OPEN
23 SESSIONS AS A BIT OF A CIRCUS. YOU SPEND, AS ANOTHER GENTLEMAN
24 EARLIER SAID, YOU SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME ON CEREMONIAL
25 THINGS. IT IS LITERALLY A DOG AND PONY SHOW FOR PART OF THE



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1 DAY. WHEN PEOPLE TAKE TIME OFF TO COME AND PARTICIPATE. AND,
2 YET, WHEN OTHER PEOPLE TREAT IT AS A CIRCUS, YOU SLAP THEIR
3 HAND AND PUNISH EVERYONE FOR DOING THAT. THAT IS A MISTAKE. IT
4 IS AN INDICATION OF HOW LITTLE TRUST YOU PUT IN YOUR FELLOW
5 CITIZENS. WE SHOULD NOT BE REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF TIME FOR
6 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE SHOULD BE INCREASING IT SO THAT
7 INTELLIGENT, COGENT AND WELL-THOUGHT OUT STATEMENTS ARE ABLE
8 TO BE PUT INTO THE PUBLIC RECORD SO PEOPLE TREAT THIS AS
9 SOMETHING THAT MAY BE WORTH THEIR TIME. WE ALL UNDERSTAND THAT
10 THE MAJORITY OF PUBLIC BUSINESS IN THE COUNTY AND IN OTHER
11 LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT GET DONE BEHIND THE SCENES, THEY GET DONE
12 BY THE UNION MEETINGS AND THE LOBBYISTS AND THE PUBLIC
13 RELATIONS CAMPAIGNS AND THE VAST RESOURCES OF MONEYED INTEREST
14 IN THIS COUNTRY THAT DICTATE POLICY. THOSE OF US WHO DON'T
15 HAVE THOSE RESOURCES, THAT WANT TO PARTICIPATE ARE BASICALLY
16 TOLD TO WASTE THEIR TIME, AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN. AND THAT
17 IS WHAT YOU'RE DOING TODAY IN YET ANOTHER WAY, IN YET ANOTHER
18 FASHION, TELLING THEM: WASTE YOUR TIME. BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO
19 MAKE IT EVEN LESS USEFUL FOR YOU AND THE PUBLIC TO
20 PARTICIPATE. AND HERE YOU ARE DOING JUST THAT. SURE, YOU HAVE
21 SOME PRUDENTIAL REASONS FOR DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING. BUT
22 HONESTLY, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT SOME OTHER IDEAS? LIKE MAYBE
23 TAKING THE DOG AND PONY SHOW TO FRIDAY MORNING SO THAT YOUR
24 PHOTO OPps AND THE COME PRINT MEDIA THAT YOU CALL HERE TO DO
25 YOUR PICTURES AND YOUR VIDEOTAPES AND YOUR-- I MEAN THE



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1 COMPLIANT MEDIA NEEDS THINGS TO FILL UP AIR TIME, WE ALL
2 UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT IMPORTANT
3 BUSINESS CAN BE CONDUCTED IF YOU TREAT IT AS IMPORTANT
4 BUSINESS. IF YOUR MISSION IS CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, IF YOUR MISSION
5 IS TO GET PEOPLE INVOLVED, THEN YOU HAVE TO ALLOW MORE TIME
6 NOT LESS TIME. AND, YES, WILL SOME PEOPLE ABUSE IT? OBVIOUSLY.
7 YOU YOURSELVES HAVE BEEN IN POLITICS LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT
8 YOU PROBABLY HAVE ABUSED IT FOR YOUR OWN POLITICAL THEATER
9 FROM TIME TO TIME. BUT DON'T DO IT AGAIN.

10

11 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SERRANO? [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **DAVID SERRANO:** THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS ONE NATION
14 UNDER GOD, AMEN. AND REGARDLESS OF WHAT PEOPLE TRY TO ARGUE OR
15 THEY TRY TO SAY ABOUT THE FOUNDING FATHERS OR THEY TRY TO SAY
16 ABOUT WHAT WAS INTENDED OR WHAT THIS DID THEY MEAN BY THIS OR
17 THAT, THE REALITY IS THAT THIS COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED ON
18 CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE PROBLEMS
19 IN THE PAST THAT THERE HAVE BEEN BAD THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN
20 THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY, THAT'S TRUE. THAT'S TRUE OF EVERY
21 COUNTRY ON EARTH HAS HAD PROBLEMS IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. BUT
22 THE REALITY IS THAT HERE, WE HAVE THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH,
23 FREEDOM OF RELIGION, AND THERE IS AN EVIL CONSPIRACY OF PEOPLE
24 NOWADAYS, ATHEISTS, SECULAR HUMANISTS, EXISTENTIALISTS,
25 NIHILISTS, THESE NEW AGE PEOPLE THAT DECLARE THEMSELVES TO BE



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1 A GOD AND ALL THESE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT ARE TRYING TO REMOVE
2 THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE LIVING GOD FROM OUR COUNTRY. AND THAT IS
3 ABSOLUTELY WRONG. AND THEY'RE TRYING TO SAY THAT WE CAN'T
4 PROCLAIM THE TRUTH. AND THE TRUTH IS THAT JESUS IS LORD, AMEN,
5 PRAISE THE LORD. AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF ATHEISTIC
6 COUNTRIES, FOR EXAMPLE, A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE IT, BUT
7 THE NAZIS THEMSELVES WERE NIHILISTS. AND YOU SAY OKAY, WELL
8 I'VE READ MEIN KAMPF AND HITLER SPEAKS A LITTLE BIT ABOUT GOD.
9 YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER HE DICTATED THAT BOOK WHEN HE WAS IN
10 JAIL. AND HE WAS NOT A POLITICIAN YET. HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY
11 POLITICAL POWER YET. HE WAS A LIAR. YOU'RE GOING TO BELIEVE
12 HITLER? HITLER WAS A LIAR. AND YOU SEE HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE
13 GERMANS, THE GERMAN PEOPLE WERE CHRISTIANS. AND WHEN HITLER
14 CAME TO POWER, WHAT DID HE DO? HE DISBANDED THE PROTESTANT
15 YOUTH. WHAT DID THEY DO? THE NAZIS BURNED BOOKS WHAT BOOKS DID
16 THEY EXTOL? THAT WAS "ALSO SPRACH ZARATHUSTRA" AND THE
17 "ANTICHRIST" BY FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE. THOSE WERE LIKE THE
18 NAZI'S BOOKS THAT THEY ADVOCATED AS WELL AS "MEIN KAMPF" AND
19 "MEIN KAMPF" TALKS ABOUT LEBENSRAUM AND ALL THAT STUFF. HITLER
20 WAS A NIHILIST, HE WAS AN ATHEIST, HE WAS A HEATHEN. HE WAS
21 NOT A CHRISTIAN. LOOK WHAT HAPPENED WITH POL POT AND THOSE
22 COMMUNISTS. LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE GODLESS U.S.S.R.
23 LOOK AT WHAT HAPPENED OVER THERE IN NORTH KOREA. IN 1999 WHEN
24 THE HALE-BOPP COMET RAN ITS COURSE, NORTH KOREA, THERE WAS A
25 FAMINE THAT WAS SO AWFUL THAT PEOPLE RESORTED TO CANNIBALISM.



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1 THERE WERE MORE PEOPLE SLAUGHTERED, MURDERED, DESTROYED BY
2 ATHEISTS, IN THIS, THE 20TH CENTURY THE PREVIOUS CENTURY, THAN
3 EVEN IN ALL THE RELIGIOUS WARS THAT HAVE BEEN FOUGHT BEFORE
4 THAT. AND LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, PROBLEMS HAPPEN. BUT THE
5 TRUTH IS THAT THE CHRISTIAN GOD IS ABOUT LOVE, REPENTANCE AND
6 A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. PRAISE THE LORD.

7

8 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE THAT. ANY
9 OTHER DISCUSSION, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A COUPLE OF OBSERVATIONS, MR. CHAIR.
12 I THINK A LOT OF THOUGHTFUL INPUT HAS BEEN ENTERTAINED FROM
13 THE PUBLIC ON THIS MATTER. BUT I WISH TO SAY THAT LAWS ARE
14 VARIOUSLY INTERPRETED. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY,
15 REASONABLENESS OUGHT TO PREVAIL. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT IS THE
16 CASE, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT IN OUR COLLECTIVE
17 EXPERIENCE UNFETTERED, UNLIMITED TIME HAS HARDLY BEEN AFFORDED
18 TO ANYONE DEPENDING ON WHETHER YOU'RE A MEMBER OF THE LOS
19 ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THAT A MOMENT.
20 YOU'RE LIMITED TO A NUMBER OF MOMENTS TO SPEAK AND A NUMBER OF
21 TIMES TO SPEAK. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE,
22 DEPENDING UPON WHAT HOUSE THAT MIGHT BE, THE SAME IS THE CASE
23 AND IT'S EVEN MORE STRICT IN THE SENATE THAN IT IS IN THE
24 ASSEMBLY. I'VE BEEN SUBJECTED TO THAT, YOU MIGHT SAY. AND SO
25 THE QUESTION BECOMES WHAT VENUES ARE UTILIZED TO COMMUNICATE



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1 ONE'S VIEWS AND ONE'S CONCERNS AND ONE'S QUESTIONS. I WOULD
2 SIMPLY WANT TO SUGGEST THAT WE ARE NOT OBLIGED TO LIMIT
3 OURSELF TO ONE VENUE. THE SPEAKER WHO SUGGESTED THAT THIS IS
4 THE ONLY WAY THAT YOU CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THE BOARD I WOULD
5 SIMPLY INVITE YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WEBSITES AVAILABLE
6 TO YOU THAT YOU CAN SHARE YOUR CONCERNS. YOU CAN COMMUNICATE
7 WITH THE DEPUTIES WHO REPRESENT OUR VARIOUS ISSUES. YOU CAN
8 ALSO WRITE AND BE AFFORDED A RESPONSE. AND FINALLY CERTAINLY
9 TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PUBLIC VENUE THAT IS AFFORDED HERE.
10 BUT IT IS NOT REDUCED TO ONE SETTING. I FEEL THAT COMMUNITY
11 INPUT AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IS FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT. THERE
12 IS NO SECRET THAT THAT HAS BEEN THE THRUST OF MY EFFORT IN
13 PUBLIC LIFE FOR THE 20 YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN IN PUBLIC OFFICE.
14 BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT REASONABLENESS OUGHT TO PREVAIL IN ORDER
15 TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE QUALITY OF CIVIC DISCOURSE. NOW, IT'S
16 HARDLY PERFECT, AS HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED BY ONE OF THE
17 SPEAKERS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT MAY I SIMPLY APPEAL TO YOU
18 TO RECOGNIZE THERE ARE VARIOUS OPPORTUNITIES THAT TAKE PLACE
19 WHERE YOU CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COMMUNICATING WITH THE BOARD.
20 AND, SECONDLY, TO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT WORKING THROUGH
21 THESE MEETINGS, DEALING WITH THESE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND SO
22 FORTH BY LAW AFFORDS PUBLIC INPUT. BUT IT IS NOT, IN MY VIEW,
23 THE FINAL ARBITER OF HOW WE SHOULD DISPOSE OF THESE MATTERS.
24 AND TO THAT EXTENT, I APPRECIATE, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT THIS



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1 DISCUSSION WILL CONTINUE AND HOPEFULLY RESOLVE ITSELF IN A
2 CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.

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4 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER COMMENTS? IF
5 NOT, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE MATTER WILL BE REFERRED TO THE
6 COUNTY COUNSEL. COUNTY COUNSEL, DO YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING AT
7 THIS POINT? JUST IN RESPONSE TO ANYTHING THAT YOU'VE HEARD?

8

9 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** I THINK WE CAN BE PREPARED TO REVIEW
10 ALL OF THE WRITTEN COMMENTS. WE HAVE RECEIVED SOME VERY
11 THOUGHTFUL WRITTEN COMMENTS, AND I THINK WE CAN BE PREPARED
12 NEXT WEEK WITH A DRAFT TO PRESENT. OR IF YOU WISH TO HAVE
13 FURTHER TIME TO CONSIDER, WE CAN DO IT IN TWO WEEKS.

14

15 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I THINK FURTHER TIME WOULD BE
16 A GOOD IDEA. AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE COUNTY COUNSEL DO
17 IS ASIDE FROM PROVIDING US THE DRAFT IS ENGAGE SOME OF THOSE
18 PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMMUNICATED WITH US, LEGAL AND VOTERS.

19

20 **ANDREA ORDIN:** WE HAVE ACTUALLY STARTED THAT. THERE HAVE BEEN
21 TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH SOME.

22

23 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE
24 COMMENTED ON IT. HAVE A GIVE-A-TAKE WITH THEM, WHICH MAY
25 INFORM HOW YOU RESPOND TO US AT THE END OF THE DAY, I JUST



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1 WANT TO HAVE A CLEAR AN OPEN GIVE-AND-TAKE BETWEEN CRITICS OF
2 THIS PROPOSAL AND THOUGHTFUL CRITICS OF THIS PROPOSAL AND
3 OURSELVES SO THAT WE COULD FIND A COMMON GROUND I THINK THE
4 REST OF IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. ALL RIGHT. THANKS, MS. ORDIN.
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT'S REFERRED TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL. WHAT
6 ELSE DO WE HAVE? PUBLIC COMMENT? PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TWO
7 MINUTES EACH. I'LL CALL FOUR AT A TIME. HENRY CHRISTOPHER
8 MAGANA, DANIEL GOTTLIEB, ARNOLD SACHS, AND LYNNEE PLAMBECK.
9 LET'S GO.

10

11 **HENRY MAGANA:** I'M MR. MAGANA FROM THE FIFTH. I'VE CHANGED MY
12 COMMENT TO ADDRESS AN ISSUE REGARDING THE SITUATION THAT THE
13 COUNTY'S DEALING WITH MR. SHERIFF LEE BACA. I HAD THE
14 DISTINCTIVE PLEASURE OF VOLUNTEERING A YEAR IN A BOARD AND
15 CARE HOME LICENSED FOR I BELIEVE 21 OR 24 CLIENTS. THESE WERE
16 HIGH FUNCTIONING CLIENTS. SOME OF THEM WERE HOSTED THEREAFTER,
17 THEY WERE RELEASED FROM THE COUNTY JAIL. AND I WAS THERE 24
18 HOURS A DAY AND WITNESSED A LOT OF THINGS. IT IS VERY UNWISE
19 AND THIS IS A DIRECT RESULT OF NOT SEEKING THE COUNSEL OF MANY
20 TO MIX CLIENTS, SPECIAL NEED CLIENTS FROM A DESIGNATED AREA
21 WITH THE GENERAL POPULATION. THIS SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN. BECAUSE
22 THE NEGATIVE FRUITS OF SUCH A SYSTEM IS A DIRECT RESULT OF A
23 SOCIETY THAT HAS GONE ASTRAY AND INCORPORATED A NEW LOWER
24 LEVEL OF THINKING, WHICH IS PENNY WISE AND DOLLAR FOOLISH
25 THINKING. WHEN YOU EMPLOY PENNY WISE AND DOLLAR FOOLISH



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1 THINKING, AND WE WANT TO CONSOLIDATE THE WORLD INTO ONE NEST
2 EGG, WHAT WE END UP WITH IS A DIVIDED KINGDOM. AND EVERYONE
3 HOPEFULLY WILL REALIZE THAT DIVIDED KINGDOMS DO NOT STAND, BUT
4 THEY FALL. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE- WE WORK WITHIN OUR
5 BUDGET MEANS; HOWEVER, I'M SURE EVERYONE WILL AGREE THAT
6 ACROSS THE NATION, BOTH AT THE CORPORATE LEADERSHIP LEVEL AS
7 WELL AS CIVIC THAT THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE THAT ARE
8 JUMPING LIKE ANIMALS IN A CIRCUS HOPING THAT THE TRAINER WILL
9 GIVE THEM A PEANUT IN ORDER TO SAVE THEIR JOBS. AGAIN, A
10 DIRECT RESULT OF THAT.

11
12 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP.
13 PROFESSOR GOTTLIEB?

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15 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** I'M PROFESSOR GOTTLIEB FROM DISTRICT 3. I
16 WANT TO TALK ABOUT ANOTHER TRANSCRIPT, WHICH IS OCTOBER 4,
17 2011. AND I'LL JUST-- I WROTE A LETTER TO THE C.E.O. AND I'D
18 LIKE TO READ IT AS MUCH AS I CAN. I WILL CONCENTRATE ON ITEM
19 47 ON PAGE 29 TO PAGE 81. AND IT'S A LANDMARK VILLAGE AND
20 NEWHALL RANCH. I'LL CONCENTRATE ON LYNNEE PLAMBECK'S TESTIMONY
21 ON PAGE 51. HE STATES ELECTED OFFICE. HE IS A SERIOUS PERSON.
22 SHE REFERS TO THE OATH AND SHE ACCUSES MR. ABERCROMBIE AND MR.
23 BLANK OF VIOLATING THEIRS. WE SEE THAT MR. BLANK HAS A FRIEND
24 WITH POWER TO ALTER THE TRANSCRIPTS. MR. ABERCROMBIE IS NOT SO
25 LUCKY. IF YOU SEARCH THE ENTIRE TRANSCRIPT FOR ABERCROMBIE,



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1 YOU FIND ONE PLACE WHERE MR. BLANK'S NAME IS MENTIONED WITH
2 MR. ABERCROMBIE. SO THAT IS PROBABLY HIS NAME. MAKE SURE TO
3 LOOK AT THE VIDEO OF THE MEETING. MRS. PLAMBECK MENTIONS HIS
4 NAME CLEARLY. IF THE VIDEO HAD BEEN ALTERED, YOU CAN FIND IT
5 BY PURCHASING A DVD OF THE MEETING. IF THE DVD IS NOT
6 AVAILABLE, ASK SOMEONE WHO BOUGHT ONE EARLIER IF YOU CAN VIEW
7 IT. IF ALL THIS FAILS, ASK MS. PLAMBECK. MAYOR ANTONOVICH THEN
8 ASKED RICHARD WEISS, THE COUNSEL, TO COMMENT ON MISS
9 PLAMBECK'S TESTIMONY. I INSERTED WHAT I CONSIDERED THE KEY
10 PART OF THE COUNSEL'S REPLY. THEN I GIVE BELOW THE REPLY I
11 BELIEVE WAS WARRANTED. ANTONOVICH THEN HEARD MISS PLAMBECK
12 THAT WHATEVER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECIDED TODAY, THE CASE
13 WILL STILL COME BEFORE THE BOARD. THEN I WILL DISCUSS ITEMS 27
14 AND 28 WHICH SHOWS WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN AN ISSUE APPEARS
15 BEFORE THE BOARD WHEN THE BOARD HAS ALREADY MADE UP ITS MIND.
16 MR. GOTTLIEB, YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS?

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
19 GOOD NEWS IS: THESE ARE PEOPLE THAT ARE LISTENING. THAT'S
20 REALLY IMPRESSIVE. BUT TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE COMMENTS AND TO
21 UNDERSTAND WHY SOME OF US COME HERE ALL THE TIME, LET'S TALK
22 ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE HEARD. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY
23 THOMAS MENTIONED THAT AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, CITY
24 COUNCIL, AND A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE, TIME LIMITS WERE
25 SOMETIMES CONSTRAINED. BUT THAT'S AS A MEMBER, AN ELECTED



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1 OFFICIAL THERE'S NOT ELECTED OFFICIALS ON THIS SIDE OF THE
2 PODIUM. OUR TIME IS LIMITED. AND YOU COULD ALWAYS GET MORE
3 TIME. AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT
4 HAPPENS AT THE CITY COUNCIL OF L.A., WELL THE CITY COUNCIL A
5 AND B HAS COMMITTEES TO HEAR ITEMS ON THEIR AGENDA. SO YOU CAN
6 GET AN OPPORTUNITY IN THE COMMITTEE TO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.
7 THERE'S NO COMMITTEES AT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
8 GIVE YOU THAT OPPORTUNITY. AND THEY ALSO HAVE A TIME LIMIT FOR
9 ITEMS ON THE AGENDA IN ADDITION TO PUBLIC COMMENT, WHICH IS
10 MORE THAN TWO MINUTES. AND IF YOU GO TO A LOCAL CITY COUNCIL
11 MEETING, YOU'LL FIND EVEN A BIGGER AMOUNT OF TIME AS ALLOCATED
12 FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON. AND LET'S DISCUSS SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH AND HIS RANTINGS ABOUT THE GOVERNOR AND HOW
14 WONDERFUL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS DOING IN ITS BUDGETARY
15 DISCUSSIONS. HE NEGLECTED TO MENTION THAT IN THE STATE OF
16 CALIFORNIA, YOU NEED A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY FOR THE GOVERNOR TO
17 TAKE ANY ACTION. AND SINCE WHEN DOES THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
18 EVER FIND ITSELF WITH A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. COUNTY BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS, YOU NEED A UNANIMOUS VOTE, MAYBE EVEN A 3-2
20 MAJORITY. SO THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE. AND, GLORIA MOLINA WAS
21 DISCUSSING WITH THE SHERIFF 1.6 MILLION DOLLARS FOR MENTAL
22 HEALTH PRISONER REVIEW. THE SHERIFF MENTIONED HE HAD A 128
23 MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET.
24
25 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP.



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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** BUDGET CUT. WHY NOT LOOK THERE FOR MORE FUNDS?

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4 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TURN OFF HIS MIC.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** TIME IS UP. YOU KNOW THE RULES.

7

8 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, I DO. LYNNEE PLAMBECK? HANG ON

9 A SECOND, LYNNEE, I WANT TO CALL UP OTHERS. RONE ELLIS? ETHEL

10 JOHNSON? AND WILLIAM FREEMAN. MISS PLAMBECK, GO AHEAD.

11

12 **LYNNEE PLAMBECK:** YES, I THOUGHT I WOULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY

13 TO REPORT ON THE BRIDGE SIGNS FOR THE SANTA CLARA RIVER LAST

14 AUGUST, WE BROUGHT A WEST RANCH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DOWN. SHE

15 WAS VERY HONORED THAT YOU HAD THAT DISCUSSION WITH HER, MR.

16 ANTONOVICH, WHEN SHE SPOKE AT THE PUBLIC COMMENTS SUPPORTING

17 BRIDGE SIGNS FOR THE SANTA CLARA RIVER. AND I JUST WANTED TO

18 REPORT TO YOU THAT SHE DID THE SAME THING AT OUR CITY COUNCIL.

19 AND OUR CITY COUNCIL HAS, THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA HAS PUT UP

20 THE BRIDGE SIGNS ON THE LAST FREE-FLOWING RIVER IN LOS ANGELES

21 COUNTY. I BRING THIS UP NOW BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A COUNTY-WIDE

22 ISSUE TO HAVE THAT RIVER BE SUCH A TREASURE TO ALL OF US. BUT

23 WE DID HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH GETTING THROUGH THE PUBLIC

24 WORKS PROCESS. AND I KNOW YOU REFERRED US TO PUBLIC WORKS. AND

25 THAT HUGE BUILDING OVER THERE IS VERY HARD TO NAVIGATE. AND



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1 I'M WONDERING IF THERE'S SOMEONE IN PARTICULAR WE SHOULD TALK
2 TO ABOUT THIS SUBJECT BECAUSE WE WEREN'T ABLE TO HAVE A
3 SUCCESS WITH THE COUNTY. AND I KNOW IF THE CITY DID IT THE
4 COUNTY WILL WANT TO DO IT, TOO.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AFTER YOU FINISH YOUR TESTIMONY, LYNNEE, THEN
7 EDELLE WILL TALK TO YOU.

8

9 **LYNNEE PLAMBECK:** I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE
10 IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUR PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE. IT'S WONDERFUL.
11 AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN GET THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA TO
12 IMPLEMENT ONE, AS WELL. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR ALL YOUR
13 WORK ON THAT PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. AND EDELLE. WILL TALK TO YOU.

16

17 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, LYNN. RONE ELLIS?

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19 **RONE ELLIS:** ANDREA, WATCH THIS. I'M REALLY, REALLY, REALLY
20 TIRED OF HOW YOU PEOPLE HAVE THE NERVE TO TREAT ME AND MY
21 PEOPLE HERE. NOW, LET'S GET IT ON. LET'S SEE. I WOULD LIKE TO
22 ACKNOWLEDGE SOME CAL STATE AND FEDERAL POLITICIANS. BARBARA
23 LEE, BLACK GIRL. BARBARA BOXLER, WHITE GIRL. DIANE WATSON,
24 BLACK GIRL. DIANE FEINSTEIN, WHITE GIRL. AND GUESS WHAT YOU
25 THINK AND WHO I AM? YOU KNOW HOW TO FILE STUFF? ANYWAY, I'M



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1 FORCED NOW TO FILE A SUIT AGAINST THE LOS ANGELES DISTRICT
2 SUPERVISORS. AND I'M GONNA LIE ON PURPOSE, BUT IN A GOOD,
3 FUNNY WAY HOW THREE OF YOU ARE GONNA BE HONORED IN THE
4 PLEADING THAT I MAKE. TWO OF YOU AND MR. COOLEY, Y'ALL GOT A
5 PROBLEM. SALUTE ME AND MINE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ETHEL JOHNSON?

8

9 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** TO THE BOARD, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'VE
10 BEEN ILL, OUT, HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET AROUND AS MUCH. BUT
11 I'M OUT THERE IN THE FIELD. AS I SAID BEFORE, THIS TAKES TIME
12 IN A MATTER THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL. I
13 HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL. SOME OF THESE THINGS
14 ARE MISUNDERSTOOD. WE HAVE SECTION 8 COUNTY AND THEN WE HAVE
15 CITY SECTION 8. AND SOME PARTS OF THE CITY I WORK FOR
16 REDEVELOPMENT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO COME TO THE COUNCIL
17 MEETINGS AS I SHOULD. BUT I'M OUT THERE WORKING FOR THE
18 COUNTY. I'VE BEEN WITH THEM A LONG TIME. NOBODY REALLY KNOWS
19 THAT. BUT THIS PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE IS POSSIBLE PAROLE. WE
20 HAVE A 26 YEARS OF SEX OFFENDER THAT'S IN TORRANCE. AND
21 RECENTLY I REALLY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET ANY HOUSING OR
22 ANYTHING, SO I'M OUT THERE HOMELESS. BUT I STILL REALLY
23 DOMINATE THIS BOARD. I'VE BEEN WITH YOU EVER SINCE THE 60S AND
24 70S, YOU KNOW. I DON'T TELL EVERYBODY. BUT IT'S SOMETHING WE
25 NEED TO COME TOGETHER. I WORK IN HIS AREA, MICHAEL'S AREA. WE



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1 GOT 345,000 DOLLARS FOR A NEW HOSPITAL. MY SISTER GOT HER LEG
2 CUT OFF. BUT I'M STILL HERE IN THE AREA. IN LONG BEACH, ALL
3 THE AREAS. SO I'M ASKING CAN WE JUST HAVE A MEETING OR DO I
4 HAVE TO BRING THE PAPERS IN SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT I'M TALKING
5 ABOUT? WE HAVE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. WE HAVE MARTIN LUTHER KING.
6 I'M RIGHT THERE. I DID MY INTERNSHIP THERE. AND JERRY BROWN
7 GAVE US 65 DOLLARS TO UPGRADE THE NURSING. SO I WANT YOU TO
8 KNOW--

9

10 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP.

11

12 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** I WANT YOU TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON. I'M NOT
13 TRYING TO HIDE ANYTHING, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW.

14

15 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE YOU START, MR. FREEMAN, I
16 WANT TO JUST CALL THREE OTHER PEOPLE UP. WINNI TIN, SHELIAH
17 WARD, AND DAVID SERRANO? MR. FREEMAN, YOU'RE UP.

18

19 **WILLIAM FREEMAN:** OKAY. I'M WILLIAM FREEMAN. THE OBSERVATION I
20 MADE AT JESSE OWENS PARK. THE GYM IN WHICH THE KIDS PLAY
21 BASKETBALL IS CLOSED TOO OFTEN FOR ME. I MEAN ON SUNDAYS AND
22 SATURDAYS THE GYM IS CLOSED. IT'S ALWAYS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS. SO
23 THE KIDS ARE OUT ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS AND THEY NEED TO
24 HAVE ACTIVITY TO PLAY. THEY COULD PLAY SOCCER. THEY COULD PLAY
25 FOOTBALL. THEY COULD PLAY BASEBALL. BUT THEY CAN'T PLAY



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1 BASKETBALL BECAUSE THE GYM IS CLOSED. NOW, WHAT I'VE OBSERVED
2 IS THEY HAVE BANQUETS ON SATURDAYS. SO IF THE GYM IS CLOSED
3 AUTOMATICALLY ON FRIDAY AND YOU GOT A BANQUET ON SATURDAY, THE
4 GYM IS CLOSED. THE GYM IS CLOSED SUNDAY BECAUSE THEY GOT TO
5 CLEAN UP AFTER THE BANQUET. NOW, I USED TO TAKE MY SON OVER TO
6 VAN NESS PARK, WHICH IS LOCATED ON SLAUSON AND VAN NESS.
7 THAT'S A CITY PARK. THEY HAVE OUTSIDE BASKETBALL ROWS THAT YOU
8 CAN PLAY. THEY HAVE TWO GYMS. SO MY THINKING IS: IF THEY GOT
9 TO HAVE A BANQUET, THEY COULD HAVE IT AT THE CITY PARK, WHICH
10 THEY HAVE TWO GYMS. THAT WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH THE
11 BASKETBALL. THEY COULD PLAY BASKETBALL OVER AT VAN NESS PARK
12 AND OPEN JESSE OWENS PARK. JESSE OWENS PARK DOESN'T HAVE AN
13 OUTSIDE BASKETBALL COURT ERECTED. SO IF YOU CLOSE DOWN THOSE
14 DAYS, YOU DENYING THE KIDS FROM PLAYING BASKETBALL. AND MY
15 THINKING IS YOU CAME TOGETHER, THE CITY AND THE COUNTY CAME
16 TOGETHER TO CATCH THE ARSON, THEY CAN COME TOGETHER TO SOLVE
17 AND REMEDY THIS SITUATION, AS WELL.

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19 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. FREEMAN. WINNI TIN?

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21 **WINNIE TIN:** YES.

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23 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** EXCUSE ME. HOLD HER TIME. IS THERE
24 SOMEBODY FROM SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS' OFFICE HERE? WILL YOU



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1 TALK TO MR. FREEMAN? MISS TAHARA WILL SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THE
2 PARK. OKAY. GO AHEAD, SORRY. MISS TIN?

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4 **WINNI TIN:** THANK YOU, ACTUALLY I THINK U.S. GOVERNMENT STILL
5 THE BEST GOVERNMENT IN THE WORLD BECAUSE I LIVE IN CHINA, I
6 PROBABLY WILL NEVER GET A CHANCE TO COME OVER HERE TO SPEAK.
7 HOWEVER, I THINK THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ENCOURAGE OR NO
8 DISCOURAGE THE PUBLIC CORRUPTION AND FRAUD IN THE COURT
9 SYSTEM. THE REASON I CAME OVER HERE TODAY BECAUSE I BELIEVE
10 THAT A SUPERVISOR DID NOT HAVE FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE
11 SOCIAL WORKERS FRAUD PAPER TO THE COURT SYSTEM. AND I SPOKE TO
12 OTHER BEFORE I CAME OVER HERE TO SPEAK, AND THOSE INFORMATION
13 WAS NOT INFORMED TO SUPERVISOR PROPERLY. AND IN ADDITION THAT
14 MY SON WAS PUT INTO ADOPTION FORMALLY. THE CASE WAS CLOSED. I
15 WAS INFORMED LAST WEEK BY THE SOCIAL WORKER. SO I DON'T KNOW
16 IF THERE'S POSSIBILITY THE SUPERVISOR CAN ASK ATTORNEY GENERAL
17 TO REOPEN THE CASE? AND ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO VOTE AGAINST THE
18 JUDGE DOWNING BECAUSE SHE SHOULD NOT COUNT THE OPPORTUNITY
19 ISSUE FOR HER CO-WORKER JUDGE HIOSHIKI AND ALSO A JUDGE SHOULD
20 BE ACCUSED THE LAW IN THE BEST WAY TO DO THE SERVICES FOR THE
21 PUBLIC, NOT FOR DOING A FAVOR FOR THE COWORKERS. SO I'D LIKE
22 TO FIND OUT HOW DO I VOTE IN JANET DOWNEY OUT OF THIS BITCH.
23 AND THE SUPERVISOR SHOULD HAVE KNOWLEDGE FOR WHAT IS THE
24 COURTS DOING TO ME. THE KIDS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO JUDGE NASH,



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1 CHARLES MCCOY. BUT THERE'S NOTHING HAPPENING. EVEN THOUGH I
2 HIRE A LAWYER, JACK COWLING, BUT NOTHING HAPPENING.

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4 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP. MR. ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COUNTY COUNSEL, IS THE PROCESS TO HAVE THE
7 CONSTITUENT REQUEST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REVIEW AN ACTION?

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9 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I BELIEVE SHE SAYS SHE IS REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL
10 ON THIS MATTER. SO IT REALLY SHOULD BE WITH THE COUNSEL. BUT
11 IF THE COUNSEL WOULD LIKE TO CALL OUR OFFICE, I WOULD BE HAPPY
12 TO HAVE SOMEONE RESPOND.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOUR COUNSEL COULD CALL COUNTY COUNSEL
15 THEY COULD RESPOND ON THE PROCESS IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO WRITE
16 SUCH A LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR A REVIEW.

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18 **WINNI TIN:** I CURRENTLY DON'T HAVE COUNSEL. I DON'T HAVE A
19 COUNSEL.

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21 **ANDREA ORDIN:** WELL CERTAINLY SHE MAY ADDRESS THE-- IF SHE'S
22 ASKING TO ADDRESS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DIRECTLY. SHE CAN
23 PREPARE THAT LETTER AND PROVIDE IT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN
24 THE SAME WAY THAT SHE CAN PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL LETTER TO US
25 AND ASK US TO REFER THAT IF SHE WISHES.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU COULD DRAFT A LETTER TO OUR COUNTY
3 COUNSEL ABOUT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LETTER SENT TO THE
4 ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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6 **ANDREA ORDIN:** WE COULD CERTAINLY DO THAT FOR HER. OR SHE JUST
7 COULD DO IT DIRECTLY TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE SAME WAY
8 SHE IS ADDRESSING US DIRECTLY.

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10 **WINNIE TIN:** IF YOU CAN HELP ME, I REALLY DO APPRECIATE.

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12 **ANDREA ORDIN:** IN FAIRNESS, OF COURSE, WE CAN'T HELP ON THE
13 LETTER OR TO GET OURSELVES INVOLVED IN THAT. BUT CERTAINLY HOW
14 TO ADDRESS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WE CAN CERTAINLY DO THAT.

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16 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GUIDANCE ON A ROAD MAP WHAT SHE
17 SHOULD BE DOING.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY'LL HELP YOU WITH THAT AND HOW TO ADDRESS
20 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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22 **WINNIE TIN:** OKAY THANK YOU.

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24 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SHELIAH WARD.

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1 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I'M
2 HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF MISS RUBY MICHELLE, SHE PASSED AWAY
3 DECEMBER 28TH LAST YEAR IN A HOSPITAL AS A RESULT OF HAVING A
4 STROKE. AND BEFORE SHE DIED, SHE TOLD ME TO TELL MARK THANKS
5 FOR ALL HIS VISITS. ALSO I'M BEING SUED BY THE BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS FOR FALLING DOWN ON PERSHING SQUARE ON THE WAY TO
7 THE BALLEY'S. SOMEBODY CUT OFF THE ESCALATOR. I DIDN'T GET A
8 CHANCE TO GET TO MY INTERROGATORIES TO YOUR ATTORNEYS QUICK
9 ENOUGH SO YOU FOLKS ARE SUING ME FOR 2,400 DOLLARS. AND PLUS
10 THERE IS A SITUATION WITH THE MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION
11 EVERY YEAR WHERE WE ARE RUNNING AND BUMPING HEADS, I WANTED TO
12 LET MARK KNOW, WE NEED THE SIT DOWN AND HAVE A MARTIN LUTHER
13 KING CELEBRATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS SO WE DON'T BUMP HEADS.
14 AND ALSO, THERE'S A SITUATION WITH THE HOMELESS, WITH THE
15 OCCUPY L.A. PEOPLE. BLACK PEOPLE HAVE BEEN OCCUPYING DOWNTOWN
16 LOS ANGELES FOR AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER. NO ONE HAS
17 ADDRESSED BEDS OR HOUSING FOR THESE PEOPLE. AND SOMEONE NEEDS
18 TO LOOK INTO THE ORGANIZATION CAPI. IT'S AN ORGANIZATION, CAPI
19 IS FOR PEOPLE WHO COME TO THIS COUNTRY FOR IMMIGRATIONS. AND
20 HOW IT AFFECTS E.B.T. PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED IN THIS COUNTRY
21 AND FORMED THIS COUNTRY TO MAKE IT WHAT IT IS. IF YOU COME
22 HERE FOR CALIFORNIA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS YOU GET
23 2,200 DOLLARS CASH, 500 DOLLARS FOOD STAMPS AND YOU CAN GET
24 MEDI-CAL. BUT IF YOU'RE A CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY, YOU CAN'T
25 GET ANYTHING BUT E.B.T. AND YOU HAVE TO GO TO MEETINGS AND YOU



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1 HAVE TO GO ALL KIND OF DIFFERENT CELEBRATIONS--
2 NONCELEBRATIONS TO QUALIFY FOR THIS EVENT. AND, PLUS, FOR THE
3 MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION, IF ANYONE STILL HAS FOOD AND
4 CLOTHES THAT THEY WANT TO DISTRIBUTE, CALL ME 323-969-1667.
5 WE'LL SEE EVERYBODY AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION.
6 THANK YOU.

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8 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DAVID SERRANO.

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10 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY
11 SPIRIT, ONE GOD FOREVER AND EVER, AMEN. THE LORD OUR GOD, THE
12 LORD IS ONE, AMEN. JESUS CHRIST IS GOD. JESUS CHRIST IS THE
13 SON OF GOD. JESUS IS LORD, AMEN. JESUS CHRIST IS THE CREATOR
14 OF HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE, AMEN. PRAISE THE LORD. JESUS WAS
15 CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY.
16 JESUS CHRIST NEVER SINNED. JESUS PREACHED THE WORD OF GOD. HE
17 FORGAVE PEOPLE'S SINS AND HE DID MANY MIRACLES INCLUDING
18 RAISING THE DEAD TO LIFE. OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST WAS
19 CRUCIFIED. HE DIED FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD, WAS BURIED AND
20 ON THE THIRD DAY HE RESURRECTED, AMEN. AND HE LEFT THE TOMB,
21 AMEN. PRAISE THE LORD. BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST AND YOU WILL
22 HAVE LIFE EVERLASTING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AMEN. A LOT OF
23 PEOPLE ASK: WAS THERE REALLY A GARDEN OF EDEN? YES, THERE WAS
24 AND IT WAS LOCATED IN SOUTHERN MESOPOTAMIA. ALL PEOPLE ARE
25 BORN WITH A SINFUL NATURE AND THE WORLD IS UNDER THE CURSE OF



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1 SIN. ALL PEOPLE ARE SINNERS AND THE WAGES OF SIN ARE DEATH AND
2 HELL. BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND YOU WILL BE SAVED.
3 OUR HEAVENLY FATHER LOVES US WITH AN AWESOME, SUPERNATURAL,
4 TRUE LOVE, AMEN. AND GOD LOVES EACH AND EVERY PERSON ON EARTH.
5 AND THAT'S THE TRUTH. I'M REMINDED OF SOMETHING THAT I READ
6 FROM A BOOK CALLED "1999" FROM RICHARD NIXON. NOW I'M NOT AN
7 OLD FAN OF OLD TRICKY DICK, BUT I WANTED TO SAY THAT HE SAID
8 SOMETHING STRANGE THAT MADE ME THINK ONE TIME WHEN I READ IT.
9 HE SAID "THE CRADLE OF CIVILIZATION SHALL BE THE GRAVE OF
10 CIVILIZATION." I THINK WHAT HE MEANT IS BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE
11 UNABLE TO OVERCOME THEIR HATRED AND THEIR WICKEDNESS, THEY
12 HAVE UNFORGIVENESS, WE HAVE TO TURN TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST
13 AND UNDERSTAND THAT GOD HAS FORGIVEN US. WE HAVE TO FORGIVE
14 EACH OTHER. WE HAVE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AND JESUS IS GOD.
15 HAVE A NICE DAY. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

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17 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JON NAHHAS AND ERIC
18 PREVEN?

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20 **JON NAHHAS:** I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY BEFORE I BEGIN IS THIS
21 NONAGENDA ITEMS?

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23 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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1 **JON NAHHAS:** SO I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE MEETINGS IN
2 GENERAL. SO THIS DOESN'T REALLY APPLY FOR 12 BECAUSE IT'S NOT
3 LIMITED SPEAKING BUT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THESE
4 MEETINGS. AND WHAT IS HAPPENING. SO THIS BOARD IS DECIDING TO
5 TAKE ITEM 58 FIRST, WHICH ARE ADJOURNMENTS. AND THAT CONCERNS
6 US BECAUSE AT THE SAME TIME, THIS BOARD IS SAYING THAT THE
7 REASON YOU'RE LIMITING OUR SPEAKING TIME IS BECAUSE OF A TIME
8 ALLOTMENT, A TIME COMMITMENT. AND I THINK IT MAY HAVE BEEN
9 SAID BY OTHER SPEAKERS, BUT I WANT TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT
10 WE DON'T THINK-- A LOT OF US DON'T THINK THAT ADJOURNMENTS ARE
11 THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS. THAT WHEN PEOPLE DIE YOU TALK ABOUT
12 THEIR FAMILIES AND WHAT THEY'RE DOING NOW, WE DON'T THINK THAT
13 YOU'RE CONDUCTING THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS. AND SO WE WANT TO
14 MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT IF YOU ARE INTENDING TO TUNE OUT THE
15 PEOPLE THAT COME DOWN AND WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE OR THAT
16 CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS, THAT YOU ARE IN
17 FACT DOING THAT AND YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB OF THAT. SECONDLY,
18 AND I BROUGHT THIS TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
19 OFFICER: WHY ALMOST EVERY TIME THAT I'M HERE IS MY SUPERVISOR
20 GONE? AND I'M SPEAKING ON PUBLIC COMMENT. WHY IS MR. RIDLEY-
21 THOMAS ALWAYS GONE WHEN I COME DOWN HERE? FOUR MONTHS AGO I
22 ASKED MR. FUJIOKA CAN HE DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT? AND HE SHRUGGED
23 HIS SHOULDERS AND HE SAID "NO, I CAN'T." I ASKED MISS ORDIN.
24 AND THIS BECOMES A PROBLEM BECAUSE IF WE HAVE A NONAGENDA
25 ITEMS, WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT, WE SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO



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1 SPEAK TO ALL OF YOU. AND IF YOU GUYS ARE DECIDING, WELL, THIS
2 ISN'T REALLY IMPORTANT TO US, WE SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO
3 FIGURE OUT WHAT'S GOING ON THERE. CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY, IS
4 THERE A WAY THAT I COULD FIND OUT AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
5 HOW MANY TIMES THIS HAS HAPPENED? IS THERE A WAY THAT YOU CAN
6 MAYBE SOMEHOW AS THE LEADER OF THIS GROUP FIGURE OUT WHY THIS
7 CONTINUALLY HAPPENS WHEN I COME TO SPEAK OR WHEN I COME DOWN
8 HERE? I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THIS.

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10 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOU CAN CONTACT MR.
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS DIRECTLY AND ASK HIM. MR. PREVEN?

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13 **ERIC PREVEN:** A GOOD TIME TO REACH HIM BY TELEPHONE IS DURING
14 THIS MEETING BECAUSE HE IS FREQUENTLY ON THE TELEPHONE. MY
15 NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT
16 3, AS YOU ALL KNOW. AND FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A NICE
17 THING. WE APPRECIATE YOUR HOLDING OFF ON THIS EGREGIOUS
18 ROLLBACK OF THE RESIDENTS' CIVIL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO
19 REDRESS THEIR LEADERSHIP AND TO COMMENT ON MATTERS OF THE
20 AGENDA AS WELL AS PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW
21 THAT WHETHER OR NOT YOU ALL THINK I'M A AND I'M USING
22 QUOTATIONS HERE "THOUGHTFUL GUY OR A KOOK", I AM, IN FACT,
23 JUST A RESIDENT WHO PAYS HIS TAXES AND CAN READ AND WRITE. AND
24 I TOOK AN INTEREST IN THE BOARD'S BUSINESS IN A VERY ORGANIC
25 WAY DOWN HERE AT THE VERY END OF THE DAY AFTER WAITING, MS.



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1 ORDIN WILL REMEMBER THAT DAY, AND IT RESULTED IN MY HAVING TO
2 SIT AROUND AND WAIT IN A KIND OF A WHAT I PERCEIVED AS A
3 DYSFUNCTIONAL FORMAT FOR A MEETING, WHICH HAS A LONG HISTORY
4 THAT I'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT SUBSEQUENTLY, AND BEFORE I
5 FINISH, I JUST WANT TO THANK CATHERINE KEATING OF THE FIRM UP
6 IN SAN FRANCISCO AND PETER ELIASBERG OF THE A.C.L.U. AND MR.
7 TERRY FRANK OH CAL AWARE, AND PETER SCHEER OF THE FIRST
8 AMENDMENT COALITION, WHO AS SOON AS I HEARD ABOUT THIS, I
9 REACHED OUT TO AND OTHERS DID, AS WELL. AND THEY OBVIOUSLY
10 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET YOUR ATTENTION ON THIS BECAUSE I HAVE
11 TRIED AND I HAVE FAILED. AND MY COMMENTS ON ITEMS, WHICH DO
12 APPEAR HURRIED SOMETIMES AND UNDER GREAT PRESSURE IS ONLY
13 BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATIONS THAT I FEEL DON'T REALLY SUPPORT
14 THE PUBLIC SCRUTINY AND OUR OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE COGENT AND
15 REASONABLE REMARKS ON THE COUNTY BUSINESS. THERE IS SOME ADAGE
16 THAT WE'RE ENTITLED, AS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, TO A SEAT AT
17 THE TABLE OF COUNTY BUSINESS. WELL, WHEN S-1 CAME UP TODAY AND
18 SHERIFF BACA AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WHO WAS IN THE RESTROOM
19 APPARENTLY.

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21 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP, MR. PREVEN.

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23 **ERIC PREVEN:** MAY I JUST FINISH THIS REMARK?

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25 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FINISH THAT SENTENCE.



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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** I CAN DO IT 322-WORD SENTENCE. I'VE SEEN ONE IN
3 THE AGREEMENT.

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5 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME'S UP. THANKS. LET'S GO TO
6 THE CLOSED SESSION.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
9 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
10 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBERS CS-1 AND CS-
11 2 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
12 LITIGATION, ITEM NUMBER CS-3 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE HEAD
13 EVALUATIONS AND ITEM NUMBER CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
14 NEGOTIATOR WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED
15 ON THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR
16 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY,
17 JANUARY 17, 2012 AT 1 P.M. THANK YOU.

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